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DUE TO OFFSETTING OF GOV'S \$400K DEBT, SALARY HIKES

House to nix Senate budget version

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be formed liberation yesterday, the House of Representatives has decided to reject today the Senate version of a \$134.33-million budget bill for fiscal year 2015 over concerns on a waiver of up to \$400,000 in gaming fees and other CNMI taxes for Bridge Capital LLC to offset government debt to the firm on unpaid La Fiesta leases, salary increases of up to more than \$15,000, and cuts in lawmakers' operational funds, among other things.

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Captive Mariana crows released on Rota

By THOMAS MANGLONA II CORRESPONDENT

For the first time in CNMI history, two captive Mariana crows under

the watch and care of the Rota Avian Behavioral Ecology Program were released into the wild eight months ago. The last release of captive Mari-

ana crows from Rota took place in Guam back in the mid-'90s. However, the crow population experienced a sharp decline and later became extinct in Guam.

According to Captive Care coordinator Phil Hannon, there are 130 Mariana crows left on Rota. This is a decrease in numbers compared to the 160 recorded in 2008.

The biologists under the Rota



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committee to

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Two-year-old Mariana crow "Guy" gathers sticks as he builds his nest.

Avian Behavioral Ecology Program are working with the University of Washington and implements plans

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Another House concern is the Senate's insertion of a provision that allows senators a three-month advance on allotments.

A bicameral conference committee will be immediately formed to hash out the budget differences between the House and Senate.

This comes five weeks before the Sept. 30 deadline to pass and enact a new budget. Without a timely passed balanced

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E Land bares renovation plans for Coral Ocean, PIC



Tae Ho Kim, right, chief operating officer of E Land's Micronesian Resort Inc., shows an artist's rendition of a Coral Ocean Golf Resort room renovation plan while MRI's senior hotel operations manager Dennis Seo, left, looks on during a news briefing yesterdav afternoon.

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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South Korean investment giant E Land trumpeted yesterday a record high occupancy of 115 percent in August for the renamed Coral Ocean Golf Resort, while announcing that a \$1

>> Occupancy hits record high of 115 percent in August

million to \$2 million renovation of 10 executive cottages at the resort will start in September.

Tae Ho Kim, chief operating officer of E Land's Micronesian Resort Inc.,

called a news briefing late yesterday afternoon on the status of E Land's renovation plans, including those for Pacific Islands Club and the former The Palms Resort.

Kim, through senior hotel operations manager Dennis Seo, said they

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Despite girl's outburst, Roberto's motion for mistrial denied

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona denied yesterday Raymond B. Roberto's motion for a mistrial and let one of the three alleged victims resume her testimony despite an outburst in court on Tuesday.

After reminding the 16-yearold girl to maintain respect and order in court and giving instructions to the jurors on what constitutes evidence or not, Manglona directed Roberto's lead counsel David J. Lujan to continue questioning the girl yesterday afternoon.

Lujan's cross-examination lasted until late afternoon and will continue today, Thursday. He began his cross-examination on the girl on Monday.

Drama unfolded Tuesday shortly before noon in Roberto's trial when the girl became upset at a comment made by Lujan during cross-examination. She cursed at Lujan, threw a glass of water at him, and berated the prosecutors. The commotion prompted Manglona to order a recess and instruct the lawyers to reconvene at 9am yesterday. She yesterday at 1:30pm.

In denying Roberto's motion for a mistrial yesterday, Manglona said the girl's direct threat against Lujan does not prejudice Roberto. Manglona a breach of fundamental fair->> 16-year-old girl

said it's up to the jury to assess and decide on the girl's outburst and violent act.

If there is prejudice, Manglona said it is actually against the U.S. government, but the prosecution wants the trial to proceed.

The outburst also does not present new facts for the jury, Manglona said.

In arguing Roberto's motion for a new trial, Lujan said the girl threw water at him and threatened to kill him or cut his head.

Lujan credited Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent Haejun Park for quickly standing up to calm down the alleged victim during her outburst. Despite this, the girl refused to calm down, Lujan said, turning her attention to Park and cursing Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami S. Badawy and U.S. Attorney

instructed the jurors to return for the Districts of Guam and NMI Alicia Limtiaco.

> Lujan said the girl's mother also created an outburst with a tirade of her own.

He said the incident created

continues her

testimony

ness, especially to the defense, and any continuation of the cross-examina-

tion will not be perceived well by the jury due to the girl's and her mother's outburst.

Lujan said some of the jurors likely felt for the girl and their sympathy will go against Roberto and the defense.

"We have a witness who showed how tough she is. The witness is bent on proving to anyone that she's a tough girl," Lujan said.

He said there's no way they can proceed with the trial and asked the court to declare a mistrial and set a new trial

In opposing the motion, Badawy said the real issue is whether the girl and her mother's outburst makes the jury impartial. Citing a 9th Circuit ruling, Badawy said the U.S. government's position is that it does not.

instruct the jury to disregard the statements.

Badawy noted that the girl's outburst was directed at the prosecutors as well.

He said the court can also conduct voir dire to determine whether the outburst affected the jurors. Through voir dire a lawyer can challenge a juror for cause if that person says or otherwise expresses bias against the attorney's case.

Badawy said a mistrial is unnecessary.

Badawy said it is clear from what happened that Lujan's question to the girl—that she likes older men-was inappropriate.

"How's that relevant? It is strictly prohibited under Rule 12 that prevents harassment of victims," he said.

Badawy said the statement was wholly inappropriate and should not have been allowed as it was designed to provoke the witness.

He said Roberto should not benefit on that inappropriate

Lujan agreed that his question provoked the outburst. After hearing the outburst, members of the jury obviously

He said the court could just are human and had to be affected too, he said.

> Lujan said the witness made it clear that she does not want to testify.

At this point, Manglona interrupted Lujan, saying that the witness had been testifying since Friday.

Lujan said the witness has apparently been coached. "You can't ignore what the witness said and she blamed the government. She does not like to testify," Lujan stated. We have a witness on 'ice.'"

After listening to the arguments, Manglona ordered a recess to review the case law that the prosecution presented to support a denial of the motion for mistrial.

Before the recess, Badawy clarified what he described as Lujan's mischaracterization of the alleged victim being on "ice."

"She's not on 'ice," he stressed.

After a few minutes, Manglona announced her decision to deny the call for a mistrial.

Manglona then asked if the girl can resume her testimony at 1:30pm that afternoon.

Badawy said the girl is willing to continue her testimony on Thursday morning, but that they will follow up whether she could make it at 1:30pm yesterday.

When the girl took the witness stand yesterday, Manglona asked the girl if she could promise not to resort to any violent acts in the courtroom.

The girl said, "Yes."

Manglona then gave instructions to the jurors regarding the girl's outburst.

The girl appeared calm throughout Lujan's cross-examination. She was holding a stuffed toy and kept swinging her chair throughout her testimony.

In response to Lujan's questions, the girl mostly replied that she does not recall some of the details she stated in her testimony in court during direct examination about her interviews by police detective Melissa Bauleong and FBI special agents.

She also stated that some of the details in Bauleong's report were false, but not with the FBI agents' reports.

Roberto, former acting Division of Fish and Wildlife director, is on trial for three counts of enticing three minors to engage in prostitution and one count of witness



CUC board chief wants update on PSS arrears

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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Although the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has been giving government agencies what it describes as a "pay in good faith" approach to million. This balance represettle their arrears, the Public School System still needs to update CUC on how it plans to pay off its debt.

The total past due balance owed by PSS to CUC is \$7.18

sents a principal amount of \$6.38 million for electrical, water, and wastewater services and accrued late charges of \$807,558. Late charges continue to accrue at the rate of 1 percent per month pursuant to CUC regulations.

PSS' debt represents 31 percent of CUC's total receivables from government customers and about 26 percent of receivables from all customer classes (residential, commercial, and government accounts).

According to CUC board chair Dave Sablan Jr., PSS told CUC that PSS will be receiving \$6 million from the Legislature, in part, to settle its utility arrears.

Sablan said he wants an

update on this \$6 million and whether or not it will come out; if not, PSS may then have to come up with an alternative payment plan for the past due.

PSS may get \$33.441 million for fiscal year 2015 if the House of Representatives approves the government budget this Thursday.

Sablan said there is also the issue about the differential between the government's water and wastewater rates versus the commercial rates that PSS is paying.

'We need to see our attorney general's opinion that [PSS is] correctly interpreting the law since September of last year or they need to present their case to the CPUC in order to get a ruling," he said.

again, otherwise the differential will continue to remain on the books as a receivable," he added.

Last September, the enactment of Public Law 18-19 mandated CUC to change the water and wastewater rates of public schools from government to commercial. This in effect reduced the charges for its water by 98.4 percent and its wastewater costs by 95.6 percent.

"We cannot write it off until we have clear a direction. Either you give us an attorney general's opinion that opines that way or the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission makes a ruling," Sablan said.

The CUC board chair told

"They need to be reminded CUC executives that PSS must give an update to CUC or CUC will have to create an alternative payment plan for PSS by the beginning of fiscal year 2015.



PSS utility costs expected to be in line with budget

By DENNIS B. CHAN dennis_chan@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The Public School System expects to be in line with their utility budget unlike last year, according to Derek Sasamoto, PSS finance and budget director.

In a Board of Education meeting Tuesday, Sasamoto presented updates on the system's budget for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. as well as information assessing utility expenditures throughout the past fiscal year.

"Unless we do something really crazy with our utility usage, we are going to be in line with the budget, unlike last year," he said.

In his report, which reflects July's billings, PSS has a remaining utility budget of \$384,000 for the last two months of the fiscal year.

According to Sasamoto, their CUC budget is \$2.3 million and so far expenses are at \$1.915 million.

He said CUC is PSS' biggest variable cost and emphasized the actions being taken to address this, as well assessment of usage among PSS schools and locations.

PSS is averaging about \$183,000 in utility costs, which is "quite in line with budget" according to Sasamoto.

Adding about \$20,000 in average water costs, "every month we're looking at about \$200,000 a month in utility charges," Sasamoto said.

June showed peak charges with \$217,000 in costs—outside of the monthly budget according to Sasamoto, with low charge during July, a summer month.

He highlighted January's costs of \$125,000—a reduction of 41 percent in average monthly costs.

He stressed that usage behaviors "really do dictate" costs and can result in a lot of savings.

"Looking at January, that was a full operation month, and we did well, so we are going to really encourage the schools to monitor their behavior in terms of utility usage," he said.

He called the 41-percent reduction "amazing" and that if PSS schools make this a trend, they can save over \$100,000 a month over the fiscal year.

"[That is] \$1.2 million back into PSS' operational account," he said, and stressed how savings could be used at their own discretion for school infrastructure, supplies, and personnel.





'High usage at 3 schools due to suspected water leaks'

By DENNIS B. CHAN

A breakdown of total utility cost as a percentage of the Public School System's total utility costs—for its schools and locations-shows Marianas High School, Hopwood Junior High School, and Tanapag Elementary School leading the pack.

According to PSS' data, MHS sits at 27 percent of total cost, Hopwood at 13 percent, and Tanapag at 6 percent.

PSS finance and budget director Derek Sasamoto described these school's numbers as "outliers" and are probably due to water leaks.

He noted that Tanapag's percentage is high in relation to its size.

"[Tanapag] is one of our smallest schools," he said.

He suspect that the school's percentages are due to problems with water leaks, as he found a discrepancy between actual

power usage and water used.

"When you look at water consumption, when you look at percentage of total charges compared to water as a percentage of total, it doesn't match," he said.

He said that PSS has communicated with the three schools to look into their respective situations.

Sasamoto noted that most schools average 3 to 5 percent of total PSS costs.

"Outlier schools have been

identified. They have been briefed as to what this problem may be, [which is] more than likely water leaks," he said.

Sasamoto said the schools have been notified of the problem and are making it a "high priority."

PSS has been trying to curb its utility usage to remain in line with its budget.

The comparative data, which he presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday, will be provided to schools every month.

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Senator Victor Hocog who was

also on the plane and witnessed

thinking and swift action pre-

vented what could have been a

catastrophic event for the crew,

passengers and their families,'

The Senate added that Tlu-

macki's bravery and heroism

"is something that all patriotic

citizens should aspire to do dur-

ing times of emergency crisis."

"Mark A. Tlumacki's quick

the ordeal."

senators said.

calm him down, senators said.

"They'll be comparing... each other's usage performance," he said, adding that it can promote "self-regulation" as schools compare usage be-

tween each other.

"[It] will also allow us to monitor usage, water usage, leaks, and advise them month to month as to what needs to be done, so we're going to really control this cost as much as we can," he said.

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budget, the government would have another partial shutdown.

Ways and Means Committee chair Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday that while House members agreed to major Senate amendments as he earlier told reporters, other provisions of the latest budget bill version proved to pose more serious concerns.

"After the budget rejection, we will go into a conference," Sablan told Saipan Tribune.

The House remains in support of a \$1.6-million budget increase for the Public School System, and a \$200,000 increase for the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, among other things.

"But we need to tighten the language on the PSS provision. The priority is the hiring of 35 new teachers to reduce studentteacher ratio," he said.

The Senate version of the bill allows salary increases for some PSS employees, mainly those affected by the scheduled 50cent increase in minimum wage on Sept. 30.

'La Fiesta provision'

Sablan said House members are wary of a "bad precedent" that will be set by a Senate amendment allowing the government to waive any electronic gaming license fees, machine fees, and CNMI taxes up to \$400,000 assessed against Bridge Capital LLC or its assigns for fiscal year 2015 to offset the government's \$400,000 debt to Bridge Capital for two-year unpaid leases on the former La Fiesta Mall. Bridge Capital owns the property.

"House members basically want that waiver and offset provision removed—the provision basically says everybody owed money by the government should be afforded that privilege. It sets a bad precedence," Sablan said.

The \$400,000 represents the government's unpaid leases on the La Fiesta property for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 amounting to \$200,000 each.

That same provision offered by Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) and approved by seven senators further states, "provided that Bridge Capital LLC can sell or transfer these credit amounts to any entity that possesses an electronic gaming license in the Third Senatorial

Sablan also said the govern-

Salary increases

Sablan and Yumul said another provision that House members object to is the Senate's decision to increase certain secretary and directors' salaries by up to \$15,000-plus.

"For some members, the increases are too much," Sablan

The Senate version of the budget bill gives the Finance secretary an up to \$70,000 annual salary, or a \$10,000 increase. Yumul said the current salary for this position is \$60,000.

Senators also gave the Customs director a salary increase of up to \$15,734 or from \$49,000 to up to \$65,000, Yumul said.

The CNMI Treasurer also gets a little over \$7,000 salary increase, from the current \$46,920 to up to \$54,000 as senators approved.

The Revenue and Taxation director's salary from the Senate is up to \$65,000. The last time the post was filled, around 2008, the salary was \$50,000.

The House, in its 2015 budget, gave an \$80,000 salary for the Rev&Tax director but the Senate dropped it to \$65,000.

Senators also approved increasing the salaries of Tinian and Rota resident department heads up to \$45,000 "based on the availability of funds."

Lawmakers' allowance

Rep. Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan) said he does not support reducing each lawmakers' operational funds from \$76,000 to \$69,000-plus to give Tinian nearly \$400,000.

"A \$7,000 cut in operational funds makes a lot of difference," Benavente said. His sentiment was shared by other House members.

Yumul, however, said he does not have a problem restoring \$400,000 for Tinian and reducing lawmakers' operational funds.

Sablan, meanwhile, said he would recommend to House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) to appoint the same budget conferees: himself as Ways and Means Committee chair, Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), and floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan).

"But of course, it would be up to the speaker," Sablan, author of the budget bill, added.

Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said he was also expecting a conference committee on the budget, as is always the case every budget season.

The 2015 budget bill's latest version is House Bill 18-201, House Draft 3, Senate Substitute 2.

Senate honors man for subduing 'erratic' airline passenger By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Senators honored a man who subdued an erratic airline passenger, a "heroic" act that the Senate said "saved" the plane, crew and passengers from serious threat or harm "and possibly loss of their lives.'

The Senate adopted a resolution honoring Mark A. Tlumacki "for his bravery and act of heroism" while aboard a United Airlines flight 184 from Manila, Philippines to Guam on May 11, 2014.

Tlumacki is currently a transportation security specialist with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration Office of Global Strategies.

partnered with the Division of

Lands and Natural Resources

and Department of Fish and

Wildlife on Saipan and the fed-

eral Fish and Wildlife Service in

Hannon said their theory for

the main cause of the bird's

population decline is due to cat

because of the feral cats. There

are a lot of other untested theo-

ries. We don't think this is the

One of the crows, named by

the biologists on the island as

only cause," he added.

"We think that the decline is

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Honolulu.

predation.

This TSA office is tasked with global compliance and international affairs.

According to Senate Resolution 18-38, sponsored by the full Senate, Tlumacki was on an airplane from Manila to Honolulu via Guam on United Airlines flight 184 on May 11 when, just before takeoff, one of the passengers became agitated and stood up from his seat.

The passenger, who was from Malaysia, was repeatedly told by a flight attendant to return to his seat and fasten his seatbelt, to no avail. The passenger ran toward the front of the plane yelling, "I can't sit down, I can't sit down." It appeared that passenger was having an anxiety or panic attack, the Senate resolu-

"Groucho," is 3 years old and

was taken in by the organization

two years ago due to feather

damage caused by parasites.

The second crow, "Guy," is 2

years old and was cared for

by his parents for six months

before sustaining injuries to

his wings. Guy then was taken

into captivity by biologists for

Both birds are monitored

daily by radio tracking devices,

which allows the biologist to lo-

"When we find them we

first look to see that their health

is OK and watch them for 20 to

30 minutes each day. We observe

how well they are finding food for

themselves. We track and watch

cate their exact location.

15 months.

"Rather than protecting himself at his seat, Mark A. Tlumacki took matters into his own hand and attempted to subdue the belligerent passenger," the

Senate said. The Senate said Tlumacki, along with another passenger named Major Selmer Santos of the U.S. Army Pacific USA RPAC, used a little force to seize the belligerent passenger and bring him to his seat where he was restrained.

Senators said after restraining and failing to calm down the erratic passenger for about one hour, the pilot determined that the passenger was a threat to the plane and the other passengers so the pilot turned the plane back to Manila.

During the flight back to Ma-

The technology also monitors

body temperatures that give bi-

ologists information on whether

Just two weeks ago, Guy was

"This is our biggest measure

found building a nest with a

of whether or not the releases

are successful. We can see if

the bird can actually reproduce

in the wild and increase the

number of crows on the island,"

Hannon told Saipan Tribune.

"Guy and Groucho were re-

leased eight months ago. So it

is considered a success. The fact

that they are alive shows us that

or not the crow is still alive.

wild Mariana crow.

them every day," Hannon said.

It at least shows that that is an option for us and it has the po-

Both Guy and Groucho were raised and fed in captivity by "Latte," the oldest captive crow, who died last year.

The program has four captive birds left in its aviary in the southern island. Two of the birds are expected to be released next year.

Hannon leads the program on the island along with Sarah Faegre, a University of Washington Ph.D. student, and Field Crew Supervisor Andria Kroner.

The team is expecting four more biologists to join them next month when the breeding season begins.

Sheraton. They said while they

are still negotiating with Shera-

ton, they do not want that nego-

tiation to further delay E Land's

plan of reopening the hotel by

end-October 2015 so they may

reopen it under one of E Land's

These brands include Lex-

Seo said when their Kens-

ington, Kensington, Flora, and

existing 5-star hotel brands.

Star Hotel.

there is a potential to rear them in captivity and release them. open under the global brand

from Korea and Japan.

tory agencies.

for the construction of a new 200room hotel in the same area as the current Coral Ocean Golf Resort.

PIC, The Palms

Seo said E Land plans an up to \$1-million capital expenditure on PIC, while Ken Corp. can also launch its own \$1 mil-

Kim and Seo reiterated that The Palms Resort may not re-

ington brand hotel opened in Korea's Jeju Island in April, their room rate was higher than the Hyatt's. E Land's MRI plans a \$20- to \$30-million renovation of the for-

Also present in yesterday's 4pm news briefing was MRI's human resources manager Ber-

mer The Palms Resort.

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name to Coral Ocean Golf Resort around July this year but the corporate name remains as Suwaso Corp.

"The next step is to renovate 10 executive cottages with total 20 rooms. Each executive cottage has two rooms," Kim said, through Seo.

Renovating these executive cottages would cost between \$1 million and \$2 million, they said.

The planned re-opening is Nov. 28, 2014, but remains subject to factors beyond E Land's control, Kim said.

This means by that date, E Land has put back online a

total of 100 hotel rooms, inclusive of 80 renovated rooms since Dec. 29, 2013.

The renovation of the exchanged Coral Ocean Point's ecutive cottages is on top of the \$4-million renovation that E Land's MRI did to the main building, some 80 hotel rooms, the golf course and other areas of the hotel, Seo said.

> Seo also announced that Coral Ocean Golf Resort is experiencing a 115-percent occupancy rate for the month of August, owing to back-to-back booking.

"The reopening of the central building and the hotel rooms is better than what we expected. It has positive effects," Seo added. Some hotel rooms are

planned for renovation to cater to honeymooners. Seo said most of their hotel customers are tourists from China, while the rest are mainly

He pointed out that their renovation schedules also depend on the amount of time they need to wait for permits from regula-

E Land also continues to plan

E Land plans to renovate PIC in San Antonio. Ken Corp. is operating PIC for E Land, owner of the facility.

lion renovation.

tha Leon Guerrero.

District" or Saipan. Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) said this Senate-added provision is "unconstitutional."

ment owes many other private entities, not just Bridge Capital.

Clifford disqualified as disciplinary counsel in matter vs Woodruff

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CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice Perry B. Inos has disqualified Thomas E. Clifford as disciplinary counsel in the disciplinary cases filed against disbarred attorney Stephen C. Woodruff.

In an order yesterday, Inos said that Clifford's disqualification is necessary because of conflict of interest.

"Although Clifford is disqualified because of a conflict of interest, the disqualification in no way implies that he acted improperly in carrying out his duties as disciplinary counsel," said Inos in the footnote of his order.

Inos determined that Clifford's representation of Kenneth and Wanlapha Warfle in their small-claims against Woodruff meant that Clifford was not-and could not-be disinterested in the concurrent disciplinary proceeding founded in part on the Warfles' disciplinary complaint.

The Warfle couple hired Woodruff to file Wanlapha's application for resident alien immigration status. The couple

claimed that Woodruff botched the application and they filed a disciplinary complaint with the CNMI Bar and a small-claim in Superior Court.

The Warfles hired Clifford for the small-claims suit. Clifford represented the couple for free. The suit is ongoing, but the parties are negotiating a settlement.

With Clifford's disqualification, Inos voided Clifford's motion to dismiss Woodruff's appeal.

Inos will appoint a new counsel to prosecute Woodruff's appeal. After the appointment, he will issue a new date for the response brief.

Woodruff is appealing to reverse Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman's default judgment in the disciplinary case that resulted in Woodruff's disbarment from the practice of law in local courts.

In his disbarment order on June 7, 2013. Wiseman found the lawver to have 44 violations of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

The disciplinary case contains nine complaints, including one filed by the Warfles.

In his motion to disqualify,

Woodruff argued that disqualification is necessary because Clifford's representation of the Warfles in the related smallclaims suit constitutes a conflict of interest.

In opposing the motion, Clifford argued that his representation in the Warfles does not create a conflict of interest because the value of the smallclaims is small, he was not compensated for representing the couple, and the purpose of his representation in the Warfles and this matter are the same: to minimize Woodruff's future harm to the public.

Jurors deliberate in burglary case vs Cabael

A Superior Court jury began deliberating yesterday in the case against Kyle Cabael, a man accused of being part of a group that burglarized one of the rooms at Monte Vista Hotel and Restaurant in Navy Hill.

The six jurors started deliberations at 5pm. After an hour, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sent them home and directed them to return at

SPC launches new webbased map of epidemic alerts in Pacific

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community has just launched a new web-based interactive map showing current epidemic and emerging disease alerts in the Pacific region.

SPC Public Health Division deputy director Dr. Yvan Souarès said this new website has been developed to keep health professionals better informed and ensure they are better prepared to help protect the health of Pacific and international communities from epidemic and emerging diseases like chikungunya.

"Since last year the Pacific has suffered from an unprecedented epidemic wave of diseases transmitted by mosquitoes-including dengue, zika, and chikungunya-and it continues," he said.

Souarès said several epidemics of measles are also currently occurring in the region.

This new website provides an overview of the most up to date information on the circulation of epidemic and emerging diseases in the Pacific.

It is located at: www.spc.int/ phd/epidemics/

Feedback from Pacific health professionals in the region, who saw the first prototype of this new website, has been very positive. Their comments indicated that they see it as a very useful tool for their daily practice of public health surveillance, preparedness, and response to epidemics.

The web interface allows users to visualize the epidemics and alerts in different ways, i.e. by country, disease, type of transmission and over recent time.

Future developments will provide more descriptive and technical information on actual situations, and ultimately on historical data. (SPC)

8:15am today to resume deliberation.

The trial began Monday.

Assistant attorneys general James McAllister and Clayton Graef called a total of nine witnesses. Cabael's lawyer, Colin Thompson, called one

After the government rested, Thompson moved for acquittal. Camacho denied the motion and instructed the jury to decide on all three counts: burglary, theft, and conspiracy.

Police said that cash and several items were stolen from one of the rooms at Monte Vista Hotel and Restaurant during the Feb. 17, 2014, burglary. A surveillance camera at a nearby store led to the arrest and filing of charges against Cabael and two co-defendants.

Cabael's co-defendant pleaded guilty. The government dropped the case against a third defendant. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Tinian cattlemen warned of Marines' activity

The Tinian Mayor's Office issued a notice yesterday to cattlemen on the island about the upcoming exercise by U.S. Marine forces and adjustments that need to be made on how cattle will be brought to watering stations during the duration of the exercise.

'The U.S. Marines have landed on Tinian and their equipment were being off-loaded at the dock yesterday. Clearing at what is now called Echo Runway at West Field will probably begin today by elements of Marine Air Group 12," said Don Farrell, chief of staff of Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz.

"The Marines are making sure that our cattlemen will be able to continue using the both the Broadway and 8th Avenue watering stations throughout the exercise. They will do this by focusing on clearing the northern taxiway first, leaving the existing 'road' through Runway Echo for cattlemen to carry water. Once the taxiway is cleared, they will shift work to Runway Echo. At that time, the cattlemen will be asked to use the taxiway for the duration of the exercise.

"The Marines are making access available for the cattlemen. Please respect the Marines at work and follow their directions during the exercise," Farrell added. (PR)

Man's request to cut 5-year prison sentence denied defendant from the commu-

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio has denied a motion to reduce the sentence imposed on Jing Song Lin, a 50-year-old storeowner who was slapped with a fiveyear prison term for touching the breast and buttocks of a 13-year-old girl in 2012.

In an order Tuesday, Kim-Tenorio found no merit in Lin's claim that the sentencing judge, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, failed to provide specific findings on how the maximum sentence would serve the interest of justice.

Kim-Tenorio said the sentencing court took into account the punishment goals of rehabilitation, deterrence, retribution, and incapacitation.

The judge said the sentencing court noted Lin's remorse and acceptance of responsibility but also stressed the need to deter Lin and others in the community from committing similar offenses, the need to punish for the sake of punishment, and the need to remove nity to keep him from committing criminal offenses.

Kim-Tenorio noted that Lin's punishment is five years in prison, but the consequences that the victim suffers may well last longer, perhaps even for her entire lifetime

Camacho sentenced Lin in March to the full maximum of five years in prison, without parole, probation, early release or weekend release, for one count of sexual abuse of a child in the third degree. Lin was also directed to register as a sex offender.

Camacho said the full maximum sentence is appropriate and just as this case involves the sexual abuse of a 13-year-old girl.

On May 21, 2014, attorney Viola Alepuyo, who appeared as counsel for Lin, asked for a reduction in the sentence. Camacho recused himself because of his family relation with Alepuyo.

The matter was then assigned to Kim-Tenorio, who heard the motion last Aug.

19. Assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy repre-

sented the government. To justify reducing Lin's prison sentence, Alepuyo cited several factors: the financial and emotional hardship on Lin's family, his lack of citations at the Department of Corrections that shows good behavior, his remorse and acceptance of responsibility, a civil settlement of \$80,000 to the victim's family, and the victim's father's subsequent lack of opposition to leniency, among other things.

According to a report prepared by police officer Rudolfo Hermosilla, police officers responded to LF Market in Chalan Kanoa in July 2012 after receiving a call about a sexual assault incident.

Hermosilla found that a girl entered the store to buy cookies. Lin offered the girl a soda then hugged her and touched her breast with clothing.

The surveillance camera in the store caught the incident. (Ferdie de la Torre)



Muna debunks 'myth' of high salaries of CHC physicians

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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Compared to U.S. mainland doctors, physicians at the Commonwealth Health Center are receiving considerably much less than their stateside counterparts, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña.

Data obtained from CHCC shows that physicians at the local hospital get between \$100,000 and \$250,000 per annum compared to U.S physicians who can get as much as \$413,000 a year.

Broken down, CHC physicians' salaries per annum are in the following ranges: internal medicine, up to \$188,000; fam-

obstetrics and gynecology, up to \$165,000; pediatricians, up to \$172,000; emergency medicine with board certification, up to \$235,000; emergency room and other specialty, up to \$180,000; surgery, up to \$194,000; an-

medicines get an average of \$188,000; fam-

obstetrics and gynecology, up to \$243,000; pediatricians, up to \$181,000; emergency medicine, up to \$272,000; surgery,

ily medicine, up to \$140,000; up to \$300,000; anesthesia. up to \$338,000; psychiatry, up to \$197,000; and nephrology, up to \$242,000.

Hidden charges

Muña also said the high cost it takes to hire physicians includes

hidden charges for recruitment.

One of the hidden costs, Muña said. is that the hospital loses revenue on the inpatient side if they don't hire a physician at all. An-

other hidden charge is paying a recruiter to find a physician for the right job at the hospital.

"You can advertise a job vacancy, but sometimes the most

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OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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effective recruitment is a head hunter, who has a database of people searching for the job,' she said

According to Muña, it costs \$20,000 to \$30,000 per head for

"Those are the hidden charges, you lose revenue and the fact that you do pay to have an arm and a leg searching for a physician," Muña said.

Another cost is when physicians hired from off island decide not to renew their contract, which means the hospital pays for their return to the U.S. mainland. That recently happened with one doctor, Muña said. The family totaled six and CHCC had to pay for the family to be sent back.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT Civil Action No. 04-0366 & AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, Civil Action No. 05-0257E VS. MATILDE V. GUERRERO and NOTICE OF AUCTIO THE ESTATE OF LORENZO I. GUERRERO. FOR THE BANK OF SAIPAN SHARES

The CNMI Marshal, hereinafter referred to a auctioneer and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafte eferred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of th right, title, and interest of the Defendants Matilde ' Guerrero and the Estate of Lorenzo I. Guerrero in the Bank

Notice is hereby given that the shares to be sold a auction may be sold in accordance with the numbers o shares represented by each individual share certificate or may be sold in smaller blocks of shares at CDA' discretion.

of Saipan (1,623 shares and/or 3,623 shares) will b

sold at auction.

The auction sale will be open to the general publi and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, August 29, 2014, subject to th following announced terms and conditions

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6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement written or oral made before the auction or at the commencement thereof and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause sha**ll** be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

7. No Warranty. The interests in the shares are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the shares or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment of rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2014.

/s/ANTHONY P RENAVENTE Chief Marsha CNMI Marshal Service Divisio

Salaries of physicians

The hospital increases a physician's salary based on three measures or standards that they look at: (1) Can the hospital afford the salary increase? (2) Can the physician provide quality care? and (3) Will the hospital get a return on investment for retaining the physician?

As of now, salaries for CHC physicians are dependent on board certification, the number of years of experience they have, and number of patients they have served.

"When you look at the situation we have when hiring physicians, the idea to retain them. So if a physician is asking for a salary increase, of course, we have to think if we can afford it. If we can afford it then we try to think and negotiate the salary and also put in that, if we are going to get a return of the investment on the salary," Muña said.

She said the salary issue takes into consideration the expense for a recruiter, trying to retain she added.

the physician, sending another physician home, and receiving another physician.

"I'd rather spend \$15,000 on a physician who delivers quality care than go and find somebody who I don't know," she said.

Muna also noted that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has actually commended CHCC for doing a good job in screening its physicians.

"The regulations say that when CHCC hires a physician they have the responsibility of having a good character, good judgment, the competency and skill and those are the things we are required to do," she said.

"It is worth it when you hire a physician and that when a patient enters CHCC's care, they feel safe and comfortable. We have great physicians here at the hospital and the salary increase they have is because we have screened and have seen the way they have been working,"

40-unit housing project for elderly in Lower Base OK'd

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. board approved last week a Low Income Housing Tax Credit application for a 40-unit housing project for elderly and supported care tenants.

The LIHTC application of \$16 million in tax credit was approved for Saipan Comfort Homes, spread out over 10 years.

The project will cost up to \$18 million and will be located close to the Saipan Zoo in Lower Base, according to the NMHC board.

According to NMHC corporate director Jesse Palacios, Mike Sablan is one of the owners of the project. Although it may target the elderly, other units will also be made available to lowincome families.

"Based on their submission, the primary target will be elderly and supported care individuals but Saipan Comfort Homes will have the other units available for households," Palacios said.

Eligible households are those not making more than \$29,340 for a family of two or \$25,680 for a single tenant.

"This housing center will include a community center and outdoor pavilions for resident activities as well as features to ensure resident security, safety, and comfort," he said.

Other projects awarded under the LIHTC credits are Tasi Homes in 2013, Isa Villas in 2012, Blue Water Homes in 2011, and Sandy Beach Homes

Of the five projects awarded, only Sandy Beach Homes has been able to complete the proj-

Sandy Beach Homes was mostly funded by a cash grant from the U.S Department of Treasury, and is required to comply with the income limits as set forth by Housing and Urban Development.

Low Income Housing Tax Credits is one of the programs that NMHC provides in assisting with the development of low-income rental housing by providing qualified owners with credit to offset their federal tax obligations.

Military to conduct training at FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla from 5am on Sept. 8 to 11:59pm on Oct. 6.

The general public-especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Farallon de Medinilla plays

a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements.

In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. (PR)

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Development Authority IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY No. 11-0031 NOTICE OF Plaintiff AUCTION VICTOR B. HOCOG and

The CNMI Marshal, hereinafter referred as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation of the Commonwealth Developme Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby giv notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Victor B. Hocog and Villia M. Hocog in the following described, real property situated in Rota NMI will be sold at an auction

Improved leased premises known as Lot No. 345 R 114, containing an area of 960 square meters

The auction sale will be open to the general public d will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, August 29, 2014, subject t

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Dated this 8th day of August 2014.

s/ ANTHONY P. BENAVENTE, Chief Marsha CNMI Marshal Service Division

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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, PEDRO C. SABLAN IGNACIA M. SABLAN and SABLAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LTD.

The CNMI Marshal, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred t as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Pedro C. Sablan and Ignacia M Sablan in the following described, real property situated in Sa Antonio, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

> Lot No. 549-E (part of Lot No. 549) situated in Sar Antonio Village, Saipan, CNMI, more particularl

> Beginning at a corner, to be designated as Corner having plane coordinates of N 45,817 x E 48,617.03; based upon the Mariana Islands District Co-ordinate

Thence N 26 32' 06" E a distance of 65.00 meters to Corner 2; Thence S 59 08' 28" E a distance of 26.133 meter Thence S 26 45' 20" W a distance of 63.130

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Containing an area of 1,661,79 square meters, more of

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Dated this 15th day of May, 2014.

/s/ANTHONY P. BENAVENTE, Chief Marsha CNMI Marshal Service Division

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> Lot 278-15 located at Denni, Saipan, CM containin an area of 4,928 square meters, more or less, a described on Survey Cadastral Plat Number 2145/86 as recorded at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File No. 86-2113, on October 22, 1986; including all improvements, appurtenances and easemen

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> /s/ ANTHONY P. BENAVENTE, Chief Marsha CNMI Marshal Service Division

House panel opposes 'all' US military use of Pagan

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Saying that a "wholesale militarization" planned for Pagan will

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Japan Consulate offers class on Japanese culture

The Consular Office of Japan on Saipan will host a class about the Japanese culture on Friday, Sept. 19, 2014, from 3pm to 4:30pm, at the conference room of the Consular Office of Japan, second floor of the Bank of Hawaii Building, Mariana Heights Business Park, Puerto Rico, Saipan. The lecture will focus on the nature of Japanese culture, haiku (Japanese poetry), and Japan video topics.

Any interested person is kindly requested to register by Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014, by contacting the Saipan Secretariat at cojsf@ag.mofa.go.jp. The class will be limited to 10 people due to the seating capacity and it will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register your name as early as possible. (PR)

DPS to close Marpi this Friday

The Department of Public Safety will block off the northern part of the island, Marpi, on Friday, Aug. 29, from 12pm to 3pm.

The purpose of this blockage is to dispose of the significant collection of unexploded ordinance that has been collected by the Department of Public Safety Explosive Response Team.

All visitors to these popular areas of the island are requested to make arrangements to visit either in the morning before the 12 noon deadline or after the operation has completed at 3pm.

Anyone with questions may contact the Explosives Response Team operational supervisor, Sgt. Anthony I. Macaranas, at 483-5818. (DPS)

Free screening for oral cancer

Please call any of the following clinics to find out when is the best time to walk in for a free screening:

- Adventist ■ Seventh–day (SDA) Clinic: (670)234-6323
- New Wave Dental: (670) 233-3300
- Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.: (670) 236-8369
- Smile Marianas Dental
- Clinic: (670) 235-3720/2378 ■ Dental Care Clinic: (670) 233-1100/1
- Tooth Works: (670) 234-3810/1/6

For more information call the Commonwealth Cancer Association at (670) 680-0050 or log on to CCA website at www.ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

permanently foil any meaningful chance for resettlement and result in collateral damage, the House Federal and Foreign Affairs Committee recommends adoption of a joint resolution requesting Gov. Eloy S. Inos to "oppose any and all proposed military use of Pagan and oppose any increased military activities in the Northern Islands."

The panel said it has concerns that certain proposed U.S. military operations on Pagan and Tinian "will adversely affect the islands' socio-economic and cultural legacy."

But the committee, chaired by Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), said the CNMI values its relationship with the United

States and respects the Covenant that established the terms and conditions that govern this political relationship.

The committee recommends adoption of House Joint Resolution 18-14, co-authored by House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and 14 other members.

In its report, which is expected to be accepted by the full House later this week, the committee said the Pagan military roadmap covers not just the entire island of Pagan but also Pagan's coastlines and surrounding waters and exclusive airspace including airspace restrictions extending to the islands of Anatahan, Sarigan, and

as far up north as Pajaros.

The committee said it is also concerned with the current CNMI Joint Military Training plan, which proposes to place an artillery range on Tinian.

"The committee is heedful of the impact on the local economy and collateral damage that military training brings to the local culture, geology, hydrology, and terrestrial biological resources and management should be considered integral," it said.

It said the military's Pagan plan for combined-unit live fire trainings and maneuvers include military war game plan that demands "continuous" use and occupation of the entire island of Pagan for warfare functional areas.

This is not limited to amphibious warfare, anti-submarine warfare, mine warfare, strike warfare, air warfare, surface warfare, electronic warfare, and naval special warfare, among others, the committee said.

"The committee understands that for the sake of not just the Northern Islands but also the long-term welfare of the entire CNMI, all necessary measures to oppose the proposed military exercises on Pagan and also the increased military exercises within the Northern Islands must be taken. Therefore, your committee is in accord with the intentions of this resolution and recommends its adoption in its current form," the report said.

A public hearing on the now 7-month-old resolution was held in February, with at least 14 members of the public testifying in support of the resolution.

Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), a member of the committee, said he thinks the resolution will pass the House.

Once also adopted by the Senate, HJR 18-14 could become the CNMI Legislature's unified voice against the militarization of Pagan.

Free workshop on project planning and development

The Administration for Native Americans Pacific Region Training and Technical Assistance Center will be conducting a Project Planning & Development Training workshop at Northern Marianas College from Sept. 8 to 10, from 9am to 4pm, in room N-5. PPD trainings provides prospective applicants with skills to plan successful projects.

Are you developing a project to serve your native Chamorro and/or Carolinian community? Attend this three-day workshop and learn how to document and demonstrate a communitydriven start up process, create a project work plan, develop measurable outcomes and impacts. and determine the resources and funding you need.

The training will be held on Saipan but will be broadcast through videoconference live to Rota (NMC campus) and Tinian (NMC campus).

The training is made possible through partnerships with the Inetnon Amot yan Kutturan Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Aramasal Faluw, NMC, and Ka'anani'au LLC (Hawaii).

The three-day workshop is free, and you can register on the first day (Sept. 8, at NMC, Room N-5) or register online at www.anapacificbasin.org. (PR)



SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 09, 2014

"TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, <u>A PROJECT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR"</u>

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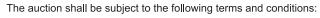
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Not too late to join The Shack's anniversary raffle

The Shack Saipan will be wrapping up its monthlong first anniversary celebration with a grand prize raffle drawing on Monday, Sept. 1, at 10am. Throughout the month of August all customers will receive a raffle ticket with every \$5 purchase. Customers have until Saturday, Aug. 30 to enter.

Besides the grand raffle drawing, The Shack Saipan has also been running an assortment of social media-based specials and giveaways.

"We have a lot of fun with our Internet promotions and we would like to encourage all of our customers to continue to follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheShackSaipan and on Instagram at @theshack_saipan. Also, keep an eye out as we will continue to run promotions via social media throughout the year. Aside from the promo offers, we also post our daily Plate of the Day offering and seasonal items online," said Svetlana Hunter.

Gloria Hunter and Tatiana Hunter Olopai echoed each other's sentiments with a big "Thank you!" to their patrons. "It has been a wonderful year here at The Shack."

The Hunter family owns The Shack and has been amazed at the outpouring of support from the community over the past year.

"I would estimate that right now about 80 percent of our business comes from local repeat customers. We want our customers to feel like they are truly at home when they enter our café. Our customers are our

Marpi landfill closes before 12pm Friday

The Marpi landfill will only be open from 7:30am to 11:30am this Friday, Aug. 29. However, the facility will be closed before 12pm due to the disposal of unexploded ordnance to be conducted by the Department of Public Safety. For your safety, please stay away from the landfill and its surrounding areas. For more information, call the Solid Waste Management Division Enrique Dela Cruz at 322-2745/2760. (*PR*)



family. To celebrate our first year we wanted to give something back to them. We will be giving away thousands of dollars' worth of prizes with our grand prize being our Plate of the Day for a year. We are certain they will love these prizes," said Glen Hunter. "It is not too late to en-

ter. Customers have until Saturday to add their tickets to the raffle"

Raffle prizes include a Shack Plate of the Day for a year, a Casio Exilim 16MP digital camera, numerous gift certificates, free photo sessions, half-day rentals for SUP, coffee mugs, roasted coffee beans, yoga classes, and

much more.

Aside from the prizes offered up by The Shack Saipan, the raffle is also supported by the Joeten Group of Stores, Joeten Superstore, All Star Sporting Goods, Boarderline Surf & Skate Shop, Mylyn Wood Photography, Stand Up Paddleboarding Saipan (SUP SPN), Hatha Adai Yoga, Pacifica Insurance, Transcends, IT&E, Get-FitCNMI, and more.

The Shack Saipan is located in Oleai/San Jose off of Beach Road and can be reached at 235-7422. Hours of operation are 8am to 2pm Monday through Saturday. *(PR)*



DOCOMO GOLF CLASSIC DONATIONS

Bridge Capital, LLC signs on as a Classic Sponsor for the 5th Annual Docomo Pacific Golf Classic. Bridge Capital chief operating officer Jody Jordahl, second from right, makes the presentation to Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson, along with Kevin McCale and Pauline Johnson. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Marianas Tourism Education Council's My WAVE high school

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO DFS president Marian Aldan-Pierce, standing center, presents a donation of \$2,000 for the 5th Annual Docomo Pacific Golf Classic to be held this Saturday, Aug. 30, at the Lao Lao Bay Golf and Resort. Looking on are Docomo Pacific's James Nelson, Pauline Johnson, and the DFS management team.



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Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc., extends its support for the Marianas Tourism Education Council's My WAVE Clubs by sponsoring a \$5,000 hole-in-one prize at the 5th Annual Docomo Pacific Golf Classic this coming Saturday, Aug. 30, at the Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort. Presenting the prize to Docomo Pacific's James Nelson is Jessica D. Sablan, left, and Janel Pangelinan.

Joint Region Marianas marks Women's Equality Day



U.S. NAVY/LEAH ECLAVEA

Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, Joint Region Marianas, socializes with JRM employees during a JRM Women's Equality Day celebration at the command headquarters.

ASAN, Guam—Joint Region Marianas employees gathered to celebrate Women's Equality Day at the command headquarters in Asan on last Aug. 27.

Women's Equality Day celebrates the milestone in history when women won the right to vote on Aug. 26, 1920. It was on that day the 19th Amendment was adopted into the U.S. Constitution.

"I believe that Women's Equality Day is just as significant to our Navy as any war or any battle," said keynote speaker Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander of JRM. "This day represents the ideal of female equality brought to

focus after years of work and sacrifice. Women's Equality Day is a turning point that has made us a stronger Navy, a more globally engaged Navy and more importantly a Navy more fully reflective on values and best characteristics of our great nation."

Bolivar spoke about the history of women suffrage and women's role in Navy history.

"Our U.S. Navy has in fact often been more progressive than civilian society in allowing women the opportunity to succeed," said Bolivar. "In 1908, women first entered the naval service more than a decade before they were granted



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Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, Joint Region Marianas, gives a speech during a JRM Women's Equality Day celebration at the command headquarters in Asan on Aug. 27. The celebration commemorates the milestone in history when women won the right to vote and the inclusion of the 19th Amendment into the U.S. Constitution.

the right to vote."

Antonette Vegafria, a paralegal specialist for JRM, attended the event and commented on



Joint Region Marianas and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas personnel listen to Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, JRM, give the keynote speech during a Women's Equality Day celebration at the command headquarters

how she felt about celebrating Women's Equality Day.

'Women's Equality Day gives women more encour-

agement to say that we are being supported," said Vegafria. "We are just like the men and it reminds us that we should

not be afraid to compete, to do the things we would love to do knowing that we can do it." *(PR)*

Guam Army Guard recognizes soldier, NCO of the year

The Guam Army National Guard recognized its top soldier and noncommissioned officer during an Enlisted Awards Banquet recently held at the Westin Resort Guam.

Soldiers and NCOs from each Army Guard unit competed in various events to test their physical, mental and academic capabilities for about six months, which meant the soldiers had to remain at their peak and continuously train for the duration of the competition.

Emerging as the top soldier and NCO respectively were Specialist Daniel Mendiola, from C Company, 1st-294th Infantry Regiment, and Staff Sgt. Roman Ayuyu Jr., from the 94th Civil Support Team. For their achievements, they were presented with the Army Commendation Medal, an engraved plaque and a variety gifts courtesy of the Armed Forces Committee of the Guam Chamber of Commerce.

Among the events that tested the competitors' physical capabilities were 6-mile road marches, which were held in three different months and diagnostic Army Physical Fitness Tests that were held monthly. Other competitive events focused on Warrior Tasks such as evaluating a casualty, identifying unexploded ordnance, 9-line medical evacuation procedures, and day and night land navigation.

"The hardest part of the competition was staying focused while being physically and mentally exhausted," said Ayuyu. "It took everything I had, but I wasn't going to quit."

The soldiers' academic and mental capacities were also tested through a 50-question

board examination and the Sergeant Majors board. The SGMs board is the last event where the soldiers go before five SGMs who ask them questions about a wide range of topics, including warrior tasks and current events.

"This competition is not easy and it took a great amount

of effort to get to where you are at. You are the example that I want all our enlisted soldiers to strive to be", said Command Sgt. Maj. Melchor Hennegan, the Senior Enlisted Adviser for the Guam National Guard. "You are the best of the best and should be very proud of your accomplishments. Thank you for all you've done!"

Recognized runners-up were SFC Czyz Leonen, from the 105th Troop Command, and Specialist Jameishalynn Iglesias, from H Company, 29th BSB, 29th IBCT. For their accomplishment, Leonen and Iglesias were presented with the Army Achievement Medal and gift certificates, courtesy of the Guam Chamber of Commerce.

"The backbone of the Army is the noncommissioned officer. They spend time training and mentoring our younger soldiers" said Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, The Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard. "Staff Sgt Ayuyu, you have no doubt proven yourself physically and mentally. As you move forward, do not forget your warrior ethos—they will serve you well. Congratulations!"

"I congratulate you Specialist Mendiola, on your accomplishments, and I challenge you to continue on the path of excellence as you continue your career," said Paulino.

Ayuyu and Mendiola also represented Guam at the 2014 Region 7 Best Warrior Challenge in Utah recently. They competed against the best soldiers from Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, and Utah. (GUARNG)



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Staff Sgt. Roman Ayuyu, from the 94th Civil Support Team, left, and Specialist Daniel Mendiola, from C Company, 1st-294th Infantry Regiment, pose with the awards they received after being selected as the Guam Army National Guard's Noncommissioned Officer f the Year and Soldier of the Year, respectively, during the recent Enlisted Awards Banquet.

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Use discretion in arming our police

olice departments shouldn't be equipped like armies. But the Ferguson, Missouri, police department looked like one recently when officers in full body armor and military-style vehicles fired tear gas and trained assault weapons on people protesting after a police officer shot and killed black teen Michael Brown, whose funeral was Monday.

Armies wage war. Police are supposed to keep the peace. That distinction was blurred dangerously in Ferguson by the provocative display of military hardware, much of it made available by the federal government. Some protesters looted stores. A few threw rocks and Molotov cocktails. There was scattered gunfire. But the oppressive response by militarized police aggravated rather than cooled tensions.



Department of Defense programs have funneled more than \$5 billion in weapons, vehicles and other hardware to police in the United States since 1997. In the New York area, the Nassau County Police Department got gear including Humvees and a mine-resistant vehicle; the Suffolk County Police Department got Humvees, heavy-duty cargo trucks and more. There are situations when such equipment can be put to good use. Among them are terrorist attacks and natural disasters, like this month's flash flood, when Suffolk police in Humvees rescued motorists trapped by rapidly rising water.

But the indiscriminate flow of military equipment should be reined in. President Barack Obama has ordered a review of the programs. Congress is gearing up for hearings and legislation. The type of equipment available should be limited. Do police really need 14-ton "mine-resistant ambush-protected" vehicles designed to withstand roadside bombs in Iraq and Afghanistan? Police should have to document a clear need for the equipment they seek. And restrictions should be imposed on how it can be used.

Police shouldn't be outfitted for war. The people they are sworn to protect and serve are not the enemy.

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I have a dream

roprietary rights to the tape of MLK Jr.'s *I Have a Dream*, a speech delivered at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963, was bought by magician David Copperfield, who donated it to the National Civil Rights Museum to promote King's message of nonviolence. Copperfield said King inspired people to dream. "That's too important for one person to possess," Copperfield said of the recording. "You have to share that with people to remind as many people as possible of the message."

My youth was shaped by the same poetry and images. It marked a turning point in the civil rights' movement toward the tactic of active non-violence, later linked to the war in Southeast Asia to counter racial persecution off the back of America's dark skinned to the squinty slit-eyed Orientals.

Today marks the 51st year of that speech. It was a year after that this *probinsyanong Pinoyze* arrived in the Midwest of America, starry-eyed about what I thought was already the end of racial discrimination, only to find out that violent defiance over legislated laws were just beginning.

George Wallace, a fellow Methodist (when I still counted myself in the group) and Alabama governor who entered office with a liberal record, turned out to be the poster boy of southern resistance against the abolition of the then recognized laws on segregation that legitimized white folks being more equal before the law than their darker skinned fellow citizens.

Racial discrimination followed my footsteps, from the benign, patronizing kind to the vicious, exclusionary variety. My later primal spouse's mother in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, a white suburb of Chicago at the time, said of me when her daughter and I started to be more romantically involved: "Look how dark he is." It was a mark of her daughter's progressiveness that she went ahead and married me anyway, even following my vocational service halfway around the world!

One of my first LP albums in '65 was titled "In White America," which had MLK's recorded *I Have a Dream* speech with other virulent pronouncements from white supremacist voices. The speech inspired an audience, especially so when King's voice was muted by a shot at a Nashville Motel in April '68. However, the dreaming could not be stilled; it turned into a process replicated around the globe, later finding a forgiving voice in the streets of Soweto in South Africa.

On a sunny February day in 1968, I joined some students in an all-day, all-night drive from Dallas, Texas, where I attended seminary, to Washington, D.C. to join civil rights and anti-war activists in a joint march to Arlington Cemetery in protest of the Vietnam War that was sucking the lifeblood of the nation's resources meant to fund LBJ's War on Poverty.

King spoke to the gathered audience at the Presbyterian Church

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on 13th Street and New York Avenue describing how the American Dream has been preempted by a policy parading as patriotism that saw Vietnamese as "gooks," upending the American way of life with its "communist" sympathies. King with dignitaries was locked-in-step in front of marchers, as I, with my university press card, took pictures of the fateful march.

What made this intensely personal was what happened to me on the day Martin bit a bullet a month later. I was in a car crash that knocked me out, only to awaken to the heavy fumes of gasoline so I got out of the back seat and managed to call my school roommate who immediately came to fetch me.

The natural adrenaline served me well until 30 minutes into the ride when we drove into the university campus. I could not move a muscle. I was put on a wheelchair at the infirmary and I did not recall being dressed for bed. I woke up feeling groggy and sedated.

It was midnight in Greensboro, North Carolina where my GF attended college. She phoned in tears bewailing that her city was in flames as rioting followed King's assassination, doubly mournful to find out that her BF was in the infirmary from a car accident. My attending nurse who came in to check on me, who otherwise was just a pleasantly plump addition to the room, when she heard the news of the death of Martin Luther King Jr., blurted out the vilest venom from a racist southern heart: "Thank God, they finally got the nigger!"

Literally a dead man walking among the living, I girded my soul with MLK's brand of dreaming and joined a global band of folks who did not hesitate to lay down their being in the barbwires of history in order to manifest the reality that belonging means being a part of those who made these truths to be self-evident:

all the goods of the earth belong to all the people; all the decisions of history belong to all the people; all the gifts of humanness belong to all the people; all the earth belongs to all the people.

A decade of living a lifestyle reflecting the pronouncement, it finally dawned on me, horror of horrors, that the earth, the people, and I, are one! To love the earth, one took the planet and all its creatures as one's self.

Gi puntan kantit iya Magpi

'ediu pot para bai` e`fresku, hu sugun karetahu esta`i puntan Suicide Cliff giya Magpi. I tateghu katma 'nai gaige finaposta siha. I me`nahu dañkulun tasin Pasifiku inadotna ni pajaru ya tinampen ñaihon ni asgun kulot apu gi chagu`

Mientras hu haguguñge fresku na mañglu' sige umafulu' hinasoghu yan i presente na momentu ni basnag gi halom rimulinon sadog appretau na konsiderasion asuntun linahyan siha. Humalom ayu na finu' kuentos, "Pa'gu i futturu". Gai minakat maakanteha signifikasioña pot fuetsau debi un' faisen maisa hau: "Hafa Futtuna-ta?"

Kulan mohon nina'ye timoghu granu matditu ni muna' ke'yau kontodu hinasoghu. Ti siña hu danche i dibinahu haf na mampos abarambau areglon publiku siha na tiempu. Tihu li`e usun fotmat na planu fuerake masaulag supin tasi kulan nuebu na modun satbasion.

Seriosamente, areglon futtuna-ta, pa'gu. Yangin puru konbiñiente yan pot politika pues hafa i publiku para u ekspekta para guiya antau na disision deste otru sakan?

Inadahen Tradision

Magahet na megai na asuntu tumane' i katma na hinasso-ta na kontodu i mas man-presisu man-matcha gi papa` guieñg-ta ya tita repara.

Pot ihemplo: Deste antes kumu patgon Chamorro yan Karolinas ta konsidera kumu tautau-ta. Uttimoña mana' guaha areglu pot midision haga` lamayot patte pot dumueñon tanu` guine.

Mauleg na intension masustenen tanu` gi halom natibu. Lau `nai un` fatinase areglu ni tai bali pues haf` makomple fuera ke manadan chispas to`la?

I otru pot irensian tanu' mañaina ni hagas patte gi tradision natibu. Mana` guaha otru areglu pot este lau umakontra yan haf` hagas mapraktitika gi halom dinaña` familia. Acha lache na areglu ni mas propiu sagaña i kantit iya Agiñgan!

Puru che'chu' impetu yan aplacha' na intension. Lau 'nai mabota i casino, mañaunau todu 'nos pot prisipiu lau prinsipat patten moneda gi sanpapa'. Estague' na klasen representante debi fuetsau u fan mafanu`e ni uttimu layag para lagu gi puntan tasi!

Edukasion Famaguon-ta

Sige inayotten estrakadan moneda pot PSS, NMC yan priniponen nuebu na programan ritirau. Ni unu gai sustansia fino'ña. Todu lumetke impotansian edukasion famaguon-ta. Yangin tin inna' presisu pues ni hame lokue' ni mañaina taya' presisu botun mame giya hamyu na biahe!

Katgadu dibi yan obligasion, komprendiyon. Pues gi halom listan sisitan na asuntun publiku debi u fofo'na i edukasion yan hinemlo' i tautau. Polu i otru siha asuntu gi santatte. Dispues, atan sa' paramona mas menos moneda 'sino fondu gi kaha. Lamegai na buruka para u fañgahulu' ginen este na chinatsaga.

Estague` na puntu `nai mafattu kabales i publiku man-hassu haf futtunaña. Yangin para kada ratu in' fiñot gi un' banda, na ti pot famaguonta na kanaha' ha pupunu' siha man-machochu'? Na ti edukasion i solu asegurau na sahyan futtunan famagon-ta?

Ti gofha`an i tiempu

Ha saulag hit ti gofha'an. Nubladu. Dispues ha pegague' mafanana'an "uchan matde". Un` klasen chata`an na puru espantu lau sumaga gi sanhilu'. Kasse sague' tasi 'nai ha chalapongue'.

Estague` na klima chumoma` i paluma mañugu` gi troñkun lemon. Mampos silensiu ya taya` hu huhuñgog fuerake poduñg uchan ginen i pipoñg.

Dinanche i ha'ane yan katdun manog. Hu lagnos dos Corneys (manog dikiki') para bai katdu. Gi dispasiu na guafe debi u paire

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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kadoña. Hu kelaguen mana'ihu tiao ya huna pikaka. Kasse todas 'an matachoñgvu sumena gi lapupueñge.

Mattu gi dispasiu finalagon este na ha'ane na esta hu birayu' tatte manaitai tinige San Pablo gi biblia. Guaha siha fino'ña na debi bai repasa pot para bai komprende sustansiaña. Si San Pablo i makonsidera kumu guiya i mas intellihente gi halom dose na disipulu. Bai bibirayu` tatte gi guaha siha na puntu ni ha esplika.

Halom simienteyu

'Nai sigeyu` halom gi seputturan dos che`luhu, hu huñgog gi bisinu un' tautau duru fumofu. He englu' ya era guaha pumega fechan ha'anen finataiña Disiembre 2013.

Hu faisen haf chinatsagaña.

Ilegña, "Esta mauleg este pa'gu i ti siña-yu' matai?" Hu ñañgon na u sinset i mapega na fecha ya guiya mismu u aregla dispues de finataiña. Lau taimanu 'an estague' matai? Ai na grasia ham na dos gi halom simienteyu.

Ha faisen-yu' haf' inañgai-hu. Hu oppe na ume'elugatyu' sa' malachai ni hagas applikanten homestead i tanu' simienteyu deste alacha. Sige ta`lu chaka chalegña.

Ha faisenyu` amigo Magoo hafa para u sañgane un` palao`an ni esta dos na black eye gi mataña. Hu uppe taiguine: "Sis esta dos biahe masañgane hau para un' huchum sikosmu". Dos pot dos biahe! A' Saina!

What does 'win' actually mean this time around in Iraq?

on Iraq. We're in it to salvage the country—again—using American military might. But the mission has also, very quickly, grown much bigger in less than two weeks. U.S. warplanes are no longer simply helping create escape routes for the Yazidis or protecting American personnel in Irbil in Iraqi Kurdistan. The U.S. is now directly taking on the world's most militant extremist group, bombing its positions at the Mosul dam and beyond.

et's be honest. The United States has crossed the threshold

And it's probably only the beginning.

President Obama implied as much Monday. The Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, is "a savage group that seems willing to slaughter people for no rhyme or reason other than they have not kowtowed," he told reporters. The United States has a national security interest in making sure "that a group like that is contained, because ultimately they can pose a threat to us.'

The U.S., however, is already doing more than containing the Islamic State. Washington has now dispatched warplanes to aggressively push back the Islamic State, and the pretense of doing anything less should end.

But so should the illusion about what it will take to achieve that goal. The Operation Without a Name should not be an operation without a well-defined mission—or without a "winning" exit strategy.

Given the human heartache and political headache from the last Iraq intervention, not to mention the mess left behind, Washington

needs to be honest upfront in answering basic questions. I've spent decades on the ground and in the minutiae of the Middle East, including Iraq, and I can't yet discern the specifics of Washington's

What does "win" actually mean this time around? It's pretty fuzzy right now. We're in that feel-good phase of having helped prevent a genocide. But what's next specifically—and beyond?

An American role is not likely to stop at the Mosul dam, where fighting reportedly resumed a day after Obama said Iraqi forces, with backup from American air power, had reclaimed it.

How long could this mission last, if the Islamic State does not crumble as quickly as the Iraqi army did? I wouldn't bet on weeks. Or even months. This is a new phase in confronting extremism.

And, most of all, what are the potential unintended consequences? Two leap out: The first and obvious danger is that the Islamic State will target Americans, at home and/or abroad. On Monday, ISIS boasted on its websites, "America will disappear from the map soon on the hands of the knights of al-Khalifa," a reference to its illusionary caliphate. An English-language video also warned, "We will drown all of you in blood" in retaliation for U.S. airstrikes. In its first terrorist act against an American, the Islamic State on Tuesday beheaded photojournalist James Foley, who had been held for 21 months.

The president pledged Wednesday, "When people harm Americans, anywhere, we do what's necessary to see that justice is done." He vowed to act against the Islamic State.

The second unintended consequence is that, after three years of

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avoiding intervention, the U.S. may have effectively crossed the threshold on Syria, because the Islamic State will be a threat to minorities and majorities across the region, as well as American interests, if the group holds any territory. The Islamic State controls almost a third of Syria. It has the oil-rich east and is now pushing toward Aleppo in the north and Damascus in the south. The Islamic State has slaughtered or threatened tribes and minorities in Syria too. Even if U.S. military muscle pushes it back into Syria, Islamic State forces remain a broader regional threat.

Tragically, given the political polarization in Washington, especially in an election season, any policy debate over answers to these questions is likely to break down on party lines rather than be framed in terms of what is in everyone's long-term interests. So we get sound bites rather than solutions to a real national security threat.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the people of the CNMI preparing for this year's elections

exposed to the ways of politicians in the U.S. mainland and how they respond to their constituents' plethora of problems. After researching their duties, I've found there are only a handful of people who become

First, there are the corrupt who have the gift of gab. They speak extremely well and are able to sway the populace with veiled promises, while they're in fact lining their pockets with money meant for their constituents.

Secondly, there are the good-intentioned but mentally weak corruptible individuals. They share the same gifts: eloquent vernacular, good intentions, love their people and they intend to do what they promise. However, after being voted into office, they'll fall for the wiles pushed on them by the first group of politicians.

Following the corrupted and the corruptible are the scapegoats. These are extremely good-intentioned people who cannot be swayed or talked into joining the corrupted political committee. What they don't understand is how to protect themselves from what I refer to as verbal assassination. One must inherently know everything about what they do and who they associate with and what they do as well. Without knowledge, it can be easy to manipulate the population into believing something is true when it is factually not. Unfortunately,

babbling, blaming, and finger-pointing corrupt, they fall victim to And I know she's for the people and can relate to them, because becoming scapegoats. They fail to realize what happened because we've been there. of the corrupt. Subsequently, when the people notice something is amiss or discover there's pocket lining happening or that promises weren't fulfilled, the corrupt find ways to push the blame onto the scapegoats. Many corrupt are very adept at finding scapegoats. If a politician doesn't remain aware, they can fall victim to this. It is sad

Finally, there are true leaders. The ones who wear an identifiably sincere smile and are well known for the things they say and their follow through. These people know the way games are played in politics and from this, they're well aware of what the corrupt will do. These leaders know how to legally protect themselves so scapegoating can't be placed on them. They are for the people and realize their position is one of service. They know they were voted to serve the people, so everything they do is to fulfill these obligations. They do not think overly high of themselves nor look down upon others. These leaders aren't extravagant, materialistic, money-hungry hyenas. They display a professional appearance in everything.

I'm blessed knowing that my mother, Susana Deleon Guerrero, is

In my life, I've learned much about the world of politics, having been because they don't know how to properly navigate the consistent a person fitting the leader's role. She's genuine; she's the real deal.

We went through the same hardships and survived. As a single mother raising three boys and a girl, she made sure we had something to eat, even if it came from the government. Her pride didn't stop her from doing what's needed for her children.

We struggled, but we were in want for nothing. Although she didn't make much money, we always had something from her for Christmas. Though we weren't rich in money or materials, we were rich in love, family, and determination.

Yet through all the hardship, my mother raised her children with the attitude to do what's necessary to provide. Also, we knew how important family is, so if necessary we'd have one relative or another in our home.

The CNMI could not ask for a better person to join the role of a leader. And I couldn't be more proud to be her son. It would be an enormous blessing to know she's where she can be of most use serving the people of the CNMI.

Dwayne P Blas Reyes Sierra Vista, AZ

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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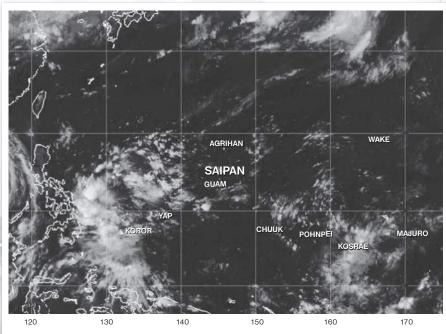
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends northward from an upper low centered southeast of Koror at 4N137E to another upper low centered north of Yap at 11N138E. In addition, a weak surface circulation is centered near Koror at 6N135E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between the equator and 13N from 130E to 135E and isolated thunderstorms are occurring between 13N and 18N from 132E to 140E. A weak surface trough is producing scattered showers northeast of Chuuk between 8N and 10N from 152E to 155E. A surface trough extends northeastward from a circulation south of Pohnpei at 4N159E to north of Majuro at 8N172E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring within 125 miles of a line from EQ162E to 6N166E to 8N170E.

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10:31 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet						

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Friday	6:04 AM	6:32 PM	Friday	8:40 AM	8:47 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:31 PM	Saturday	9:29 AM	9:28 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM	Sunday	10:20 AM	10:13 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:30 PM	Monday	11:13 AM	11:00 PM

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Business

Consumer confidence at 7-year high

WASHINGTON U.S. consumer confidence this month reached its highest point in nearly seven years, boosted by strong job gains.

The Conference Board said Tuesday that its confidence index rose for a fourth straight month to 92.4 from 90.3 in July. The August reading is the highest since October 2007, two months before the Great Recession officially began.

The optimism suggests that Americans will be more likely to spend in the months ahead, an important boost to the economy. Consumer spending drives about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity.

"Enthusiastic households are more likely to open their wallets in the coming months and support solid output growth in the second half of the year," said Gregory Daco, an economist at Oxford Economics.

The survey found that Americans' outlook on the job market brightened considerably. The percentage of respondents from 6.1 percent in June. But who said jobs were "plentiful" rose to 18.2 percent from 15.6 percent in July. That's the highest level since 2008. Consumers' perceptions generally track the unemployment rate over time.

The "substantial improvement in August points to another strong employment report next week," said Ted Wieseman, an economist at Morgan Stanley.

The government's jobs report for August, to be released next week, will show whether hiring was strong for a seventh straight month.

Steady and solid hiring this year has provided more Americans with paychecks to spend. Employers have added an average of 230,000 jobs a month this year, up from about 195,000 a month in 2013. Average monthly job gains since February have produced the best six-month stretch since 2006.

The unemployment rate ticked up to 6.2 percent in July index averaged nearly 102.

that was because more Americans began looking for work. Most didn't immediately find jobs, but the increase in people looking for work suggests that they are more confident about their prospects.

Lower gasoline prices have also likely helped. The average price of a gallon of gas nationwide Monday was \$3.44, the lowest in nearly six months, according to AAA. That leaves Americans with more money to spend on other goods and services. This month, the percentage of Americans who said they plan to buy a car reached its highest level in five months.

Confidence bottomed during the Great Recession in February 2009 at 25.3 before beginning an upward swing. While the index still hasn't returned to full health, it is well above last year's average of 72.3. In the 20 years before the downturn, the

UN health agency urges crackdown on e-cigarettes

GENEVA (AP)—Governments should have tougher rules for electronic cigarettes—banning their use indoors and putting them off limits for minors—until more evidence can be gathered about their risks, the U.N. health agency said Tuesday.

In a bid to set public policy, the World Health Organization said the popular nicotine-vapor products, particularly the fruit, candy and alcohol-drink flavors, could serve as gateway addictions for children and adolescents.

It recommended governments forbid or keep to a minimum any advertising, promotion or sponsorship in a market that has mushroomed to \$3 billion last year and now includes 466 different brands.

In a report, the Geneva-based agency found that the boom in e-cigarettes presents a public health dilemma.

Regulation "is a necessary precondition for establishing a scientific basis on which to judge the effects of their use," it said.

Little is known about the health effects of e-cigarettes,

which have been sold in the U.S. since 2007 and contain less toxic substances than traditional cigarettes do. The biggest markets are Europe and North America, where U.S. regulators in April proposed treating e-cigarettes as tobacco products with rules such as a ban on sales to those under 18 and warning labels.

Sales are banned in 13 of the 59 countries that regulate the devices, the WHO reported, but most of those 13 countries say they are still available because of illicit trade and cross-border Internet sales.

The WHO report, requested in 2012 by the 179-nation WHO treaty for controlling tobacco, is to be discussed at a conference in Moscow in October. If the recommendations are adopted, the next step would be for nations to strengthen their laws and policies to meet the treaty obligations.

Transnational tobacco companies are aggressively competing with independent companies for market share and the rapid growth of e-cigarettes' use globally means appropriate regulation is needed, the WHO said.

"E-cigarettes are a story of both risks and promises. In a sense they are a double-edged sword," Dr. Douglas Bettcher, director of WHO's Department for Prevention of Non-communicable Diseases, told reporters. "The tobacco industry is taking greater share—as public health partners pretending to be part of the solution to the health disaster they have created."

Tommaso Di Giovanni, head of reduced-risk product communications at Philip Morris, criticized the WHO for calling for a "de facto exclusion of tobacco companies in the democratic process.'

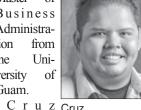
"This view ignores the fact that product innovation to develop and assess truly reduced risk alternatives to combustible cigarettes can play an important role for public health," he said in an email to the Associated Press. "Companies like ours are not only driving this innovation, but have the necessary knowledge and resources to contribute to achieving that goal."

Professional HAGATNA, Guam—The Master of

Bank of Guam board of directors, management, and staff

are pleased to announce that Christopher Cruz has been promoted to vice president/relationship banking manager.

Cruz is a 2002 graduate of Father Duenas Memorial School, and received his undergraduate degree majoring in Political Science from the University of Guam in 2006. In 2012, he received his Business Administrafrom the University of Guam.



C r u z Cruz joined the

Bank of Guam as a management trainee in July 2007, and on completion of the training program was appointed a Credit Officer in the Upper Tumon Branch. In June 2012, Cruz was

appointed Assistant Vice President/Pohnpei Branch manager where he served for two years. While in Pohnpei, Cruz was a board member of the Rotary

>>> From Pohnpei branch manager to relationship banking manager

Club of Pohnpei and the Pohnpei Chamber of Commerce.

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Nation

Journalist held captive in Syria arrives in US

(AP)—Journalist Peter Theo Curtis returned home to the United States on Tuesday, two days after being freed by a Syrian extremist group that held him hostage for 22 months, his family said.

Curtis family spokeswoman Betsy Sullivan said in a statement that Curtis arrived at Newark Liberty International Airport Tuesday afternoon after leaving Tel Aviv. By evening he had been reunited with his mother Nancy Curtis at Boston Logan International Airport.

"I have been so touched and moved, beyond all words, by the people who have come up to me today—strangers on the airplane, the flight attendants, and most of all my familyto say welcome home," Curtis said in the statement.

He also said he was "deeply indebted" to the U.S. officials who worked to get him released.

Curtis, 45, of Boston, was released by al-Nusra Front, a Sunni extremist group.



This image provided by the Curtis family shows Peter Theo Curtis in Newark, N.J. on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014.

Last week, journalist James Foley, who also was kidnapped in 2012 while covering the Syrian uprising, was killed. The Islamic State group posted a Web video showing his beheading.

The extremists said they killed the Rochester, New Hampshire, resident in retaliation for U.S. airstrikes targeting Islamic State positions in northern Iraq.

Curtis' mother said she was "overwhelmed with relief" that her son had been returned to her. "But this is a sober occasion because of the events of the past week," she said. "My heart goes out to the other families who are suffering."

U.S. freelance journalist, Austin Tice of Houston, disappeared in Syria in August 2012. He is believed to be held by the Syrian government.

Judges chide state lawyers over gay marriage bans

CHICAGO (AP)—Federal appeals judges bristled on Tuesday at arguments defending gay marriage bans in Indiana and Wisconsin, with one Republican appointee comparing them to now-defunct laws that once outlawed weddings between blacks and whites.

As the legal skirmish in the United States over same-sex marriage shifted to the threejudge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, more than 200 people lined up hours before to ensure they got a seat at the muchanticipated hearing.

While judges often play devil's advocate during oral arguments, the panel's often-blistering questions for the defenders of the samesex marriage bans could be a signal the laws may be in trouble—at least at this step

in the legal process.

Richard Posner, who was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, hit the backers of the ban the hardest. He balked when Wisconsin Assistant Attorney General Timothy Samuelson repeatedly pointed to "tradition" as the underlying justification for barring gay marriage.

"It was tradition to not allow blacks and whites to marry—a tradition that got swept away," the 75-year-old judge said. Prohibition of same-sex marriage, Posner said, derives from "a tradition of hate ... and savage discrimination" of homosexuals.

Attorneys general in both states asked the appellate court to permanently restore the bans, which were ruled unconstitutional in June. Its ruling could affect hundreds of couples who married after lower courts tossed the bans and before those rulings were stayed pending the Chicago appeal.

Gay marriage is legal in 19 states as well as the District of Columbia, and advocates have won more than 20 court victories around the country since the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the federal government to recognize state-sanctioned gay marriages last year.

The Supreme Court has yet to take up a case, but Utah and Oklahoma's cases were appealed to the high court and Virginia's attorney general also asked the justices to weigh in. Appeals court rulings are pending for Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee, while appellate court hearings are scheduled next month for Hawaii, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and is expected soon in Texas.

ACROSS THE NATION

AP source: American militant said killed in Syria

NEW HOPE, Minn. (AP)—An American man believed to have been killed in Syria was there to fight alongside an extremist militant group, most likely the Islamic State, a U.S. official said Tuesday. Investigators were aware that Douglas McAuthur McCain was in the country to fight with the militant group, but they did not yet have his body and were still trying to verify information about his death, said the official, who was not authorized to discuss by name an ongoing investigation and spoke only on condition of anonymity. A relative, Kenneth McCain, told The Associated Press that the State Department had called to tell his family that Douglas McCain had been killed in Syria. "We do not know if he was fighting anyone," he said.

3 bodies of family members found in Oregon lake

GASTON, Ore. (AP)—Divers on Tuesday recovered the bodies of a mother and two of her children who authorities say drowned in a popular lake west of Portland. The discovery came a day after the body of the woman's 3-year-old grandson was recovered after he also drowned in the same area of Henry Hagg Lake, authorities said. The family lived in nearby Hillsboro and had gone to the lake for a picnic on Monday. It was not clear exactly what happened to the family, but law enforcement officials said they found no sign of foul play. "We're just considering this a tragic accident," said Sgt. Bob Ray of the Washington County sheriff's office.



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China courts documentaries as it limits expression

two documentary channels run

wooing filmmakers at the same time as it's cracking down on them.

Authorities are handing more slots to documentaries, giving even independent filmmakers a chance to be shown on state television. But while China is avidly pursuing what it considers serious content to replace popular dating, reality and game shows, it is also stifling material with any whiff of challenging the Communist Party line. A weekend crackdown by authorities on an independent film festival in Beijing was the worst in its eight-year history, with police confiscating hundreds of films and briefly detaining two organizers.

China's broadcasting authority has been offering awards and an unspecified amount of financial support to domestic documentaries to boost their production, according to its website. In October, the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television ordered provincial satellite channels to broadcast at least 30 minutes of domestically produced documentaries a day. In addition to state broadcaster CCTV's documentary channel,

by local broadcasters in Beijing and Shanghai became available nationally in June.

Independent filmmaker Hao Wu was one who benefited from the push—sort of.

His 80-minute feature documentary "The Road to Fame" was shown on state TV, but edited down and at midnight in half-hour parts over two consecutive nights on the national Hunan Satellite TV in May.

The film, also shown at festivals in the U.S. and Europe and broadcast on the BBC in December, follows a group of students at Beijing's prestigious Central Academy of Drama over eight months as they prepare to stage the American musical "Fame."

Wu, who now lives in New York, said he was angry when he saw how much Hunan had cut at first, including any social commentary and most of the character backstories. He said that after he resisted, the broadcaster restored some of the character stories, but left out scenes such as a parent talking about growing up in the Cultural Revolution, which meant he had limited chances to improve his life. Also deleted were scenes with a teacher calling the students fragile and spoiled because they were only children-which might be seen as casting China's birth limits in a negative light.

Wu said it is sometimes difficult for independent filmmakers to know whether their content is too sensitive for authorities.

"Taiwan issues, Tibet and Falun Gong, these are the big no-nos," he said. "Then beyond that, things get a little bit murkier. Social unrest, minorityethnic tensions in China, these are the issues that ... the government may or may not censor."

Since Xi became chief of the ruling Communist Party in late 2012, the already strict controls on freedom of expression have been further tightened, targeting public discourse that could potentially undermine the party's monopoly on power. These have included the arrests of bloggers who post sensitive material and activists who have accused officials of corruption, and limits on who can disseminate news on mobile instant messaging services. At the same time, government agencies have proliferated their presence on social media to get their own messages out.

Jewish center reopens 6 years after Mumbai attacks

MUMBAI, India (AP)—Rabbis from across Asia on Tuesday celebrated the reopening of a Jewish center targeted by rampaging Pakistani gunmen who stormed through Mumbai on a 60-hour killing spree in 2008.

The attacks on the Chabad center and other iconic locations in India's financial capital left 166 people dead. Among them were six people from the orthodox Jewish center, including Rabbi Gavriel Holtzberg and his wife. Their infant son escaped in the arms of his Indian nanny, and the two now live in Israel.

Rabbi Israel Kozlovsky, who now runs the Mumbai center, said the rebuilt six-story Nariman House would house a \$2.5 million Jewish Museum as well as Mumbai's first memorial to those killed in the attacks, which also targeted a train station, a popular tourist cafe and Indian port city. the luxury Taj Mahal hotel.

The building's memorial includes a recreation of the slain rabbi's home and videos about Jewish culture, according to the lead designer, Nick Appelbaum.

"This is the day we can celebrate their lives and the message of light that they spread," the slain rabbi's father, Rabbi Nachman Holtzberg, said through a translator to a roomful of rabbis who had traveled from centers across Asia set up by the orthodox Jewish group Chabad-Lubavitch. The group has a presence in more than 80 countries and has grown rapidly in the last two decades in Asia.

Since the terrorist attacks, the Mumbai Chabad center conducted spiritual services and social outreach from temporary locations in the western

Reconstruction had been delayed while Holtzberg's parents briefly fought the New Yorkbased Jewish group in a Mumbai court over who would control and redesign the property. The property title lies with the Chabad of India Trust, which Gavriel Holtzberg had helped set up in 2005. But the two sides dropped the case in 2011, with the organization assuming stewardship.

Rabbi Moshe Kotlarsky from the Jewish group's educational arm said the reopening should be seen as a message to the world.

"You can overcome challenges, even the most horrific of challenges," he said in a statement, adding that "this project serves as a beacon of light and hope that evil will not prevail."

groups have described the

World

Ebola has 'upper hand' says US health official

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)-Ebola still has the "upper hand" in the outbreak that has killed more than 1,400 people in West Africa, but experts have the means to stop it, a top American health official said during a visit to the hardest-hit countries.

Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was in Liberia on Tuesday and later planned to stop in Sierra Leone and Guinea. Nigeria also has cases, but officials there have expressed optimism the virus can be controlled.

"Lots of hard work is happening. Lots of good things are happening," Frieden said at a meeting attended by Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf on Monday. "But the virus still has the upper hand."

Even as Liberia has resorted to stringent measures to try to halt Ebola's spread, frustration mounted over the slow collection of bodies from



People gather around a man suspected of dying from the Ebola virus, in one of the main streets on the outskirts of the city center of Monrovia, Liberia, Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014.

neighborhoods of Monrovia. A group of residents attached plastic ties to the wrists and ankles of one suspected Ebola victim and dragged his corpse to a busy street.

Authorities have decreed that all the dead must be collected by government health workers and cremated because contact with bodies can transmit the virus.

There is no proven treatment for Ebola, so health workers primarily focus on isolating the sick. But a small number of patients in this outbreak have received an experimental drug called ZMapp. The London hospital treating a British nurse infected in Sierra Leone. William Pooley, said he is now receiving the drug.

Gaza truce open-ended, but puts off tough issues

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Israel and Gaza's ruling Hamas agreed Tuesday to an open-ended cease-fire after seven weeks of fighting—an uneasy deal that halts the deadliest war the sides have fought in years, with more than 2,200 killed, but puts off the most difficult issues.

In the end, both sides settled for an ambiguous interim agreement in exchange for a period of calm. Hamas, though badly battered, remains in control of Gaza with part of its military arsenal intact. Israel and Egypt will continue to control access to blockaded Gaza, despite Hamas' long-running demand that the border closures imposed in 2007 be lifted.

Hamas declared victory,

even though it had little to show for a war that killed 2,143 Palestinians, wounded more than 11,000 and left some 100,000 homeless. On the Israeli side, 64 soldiers and six civilians were killed, including two killed by Palestinian mortar fire shortly before the cease-fire was announced.

Large crowds gathered in Gaza City after the truce took effect at dusk, some waving the green flags of Hamas, while celebratory gunfire and fireworks erupted across the territory.

Mahmoud Zahar, a senior Hamas leader, promised to rebuild homes destroyed in the war and said Hamas would rearm. "We will build and upgrade our arsenal to be ready for the coming battle, the battle of full liberation," he declared, surrounded by Hamas gunmen.

The Israeli response was more subdued.

"This time we hope the cease-fire will stick," said Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev. He portrayed the deal as one Hamas had rejected in previous rounds of negotiations.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu faced some criticism from hard-line critics and residents of Israeli communities near Gaza who said the deal failed to defuse the threat from Gaza militants. Since July 8, Hamas and its allies have fired some 4,000 rockets and mortars at Israel, and tens of thousands of Israelis evacuated areas near Gaza in recent weeks.

No sign of quick end to Ukraine conflict

MINSK, Belarus (AP)— business." Wednesday that Vladimir Putin accepts the principles of a peace plan for Ukraine but the Russian leader insisted that only Kiev can reach a ceasefire deal with the pro-Moscow separatists.

Following meetings between Putin and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko that included a one-on-one session that stretched into the night, there was no indication of a quick end to the fighting that has engulfed eastern Ukraine.

"This is not our business," Putin said of any cease-fire plan. "This is Ukraine's

ate an atmosphere of trust for this important and necessary process," Putin said. "We in Russia cannot talk about any conditions for the cease-fire, about any agreements between Kiev, Donetsk, Luhansk," the two rebel regions.

Although Poroshenko told reporters that he had secured support for a peace plan from leaders who attended the summit and Putin called the sessions "overall positive," the first substantial encounter between the two leaders did not produce a breakthrough in efforts to end the fighting.

If anything, there were

signs of spreading violence. Ukraine's president said Russia "can only help to cre- For the past two days, heavy shelling hit an area of southeast Ukraine that had escaped the intense fighting of recent weeks, and Ukrainian officials said the pro-Russia separatists it has been battling were aiming to open a new front.

The meeting in the Belarusian capital, Minsk, also came on the same day that Ukraine said it captured 10 Russian soldiers who had come over the border.

Putin did not directly address the allegation but appeared to tacitly recognize it and suggested that the soldiers simply had become lost.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China bus-truck collision death toll rises to 15

BEIJING (AP)—The death toll in a head-on collision between a truck and bus in northwestern China has risen to 15 with 48 others being treated for injuries, state media reported Wednesday. The Xinhua News Agency said the casualty figure rose after two bus passengers died from their injuries. It said two other of the injured remained in critical condition. The accident occurred Tuesday when the bus crossed the center divider of the road and plowed

into the truck near the city of Jiuquan in Gansu province. Photos from the scene showed the flatbed truck loaded with what appeared to be massive steel pipes or utility poles, some of which had rolled over onto the bus.

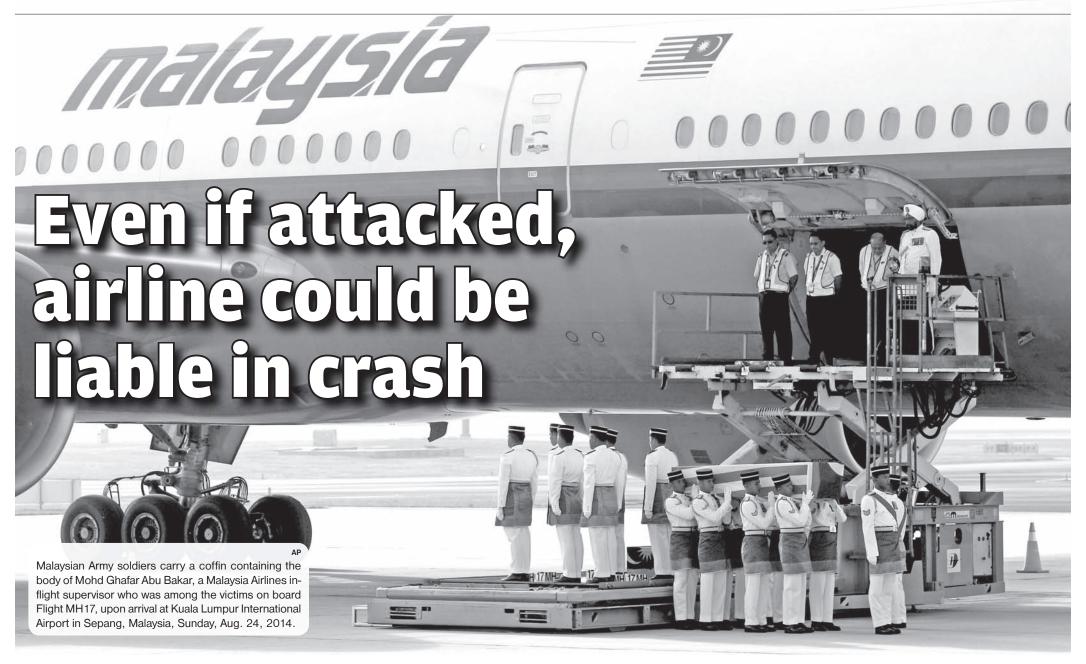
US criticizes Vietnam convictions of dissidents

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—The United States has expressed alarm over prison terms handed down against three Vietnamese democracy activists for obstructing traffic. Human rights

charges used to convict Bui Thi Minh Hang, Nguyen Thi Thuy Quynh and Nguyen Van Minh to 3 years, 2 years and 2 1/2 years respectively on Tuesday as "bogus." The three were arrested earlier this year as they rode motorbikes to visit a former political prisoner in Dong Thap province. The U.S. Embassy late Tuesday said "the use of public disorder laws by Vietnamese authorities to imprison government critics for peacefully expressing their political views is alarming."

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Focus



By DAVID KOENIG

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amilies of passengers who were on the Malaysia Airlines plane shot down over Ukraine are starting to sort through the long process of gaining compensation for their loss.

Officials in the Netherlands, where the majority of Flight 17 victims lived, say that Malaysia Airlines has been making \$50,000 payments to the families without admitting any wrongdoing in the crash.

Such payments may create goodwill, lawyers say, but they are not likely to discourage some families from seeking more than the amount promised under an international treaty—about \$174,000.

Since the early days of commercial aviation, international agreements have governed compensation for crash victims. It is a no-fault system—the airline pays a standard compensation even if is blameless. Under a treaty called the Montreal Convention, families can sue for more if the airline or another party was negligent.

Aviation-accident lawyers say it would be almost impossible to collect damages from Russia or the pro-Russian rebels accused of shooting down the plane with a far-reaching surface-to-air missile. Malay-

sia Airlines will be left as the prime—maybe the only—defendant, and lawsuits are likely to hinge on the plane's planned route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur on July 17.

Malaysian officials have said that the route over eastern Ukraine was deemed safe by international aviation authorities as long as the plane flew higher than 32,000 feet—below that, Ukraine had closed the airspace, presumably because of the threat posed by pro-Russia rebels armed with shoulder-held anti-aircraft guns, which have a limited range. While the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration had prohibited flights over the Crimean Peninsula, the U.S. ban did not extend to eastern Ukraine until after the shoot-down.

And, Malaysian officials have noted, other airlines continued to fly the same route, even on the day that Flight 17 was shot down.

But some aviation lawyers say that the families could have a strong case by arguing that Malaysia Airlines should have stopped flying over eastern Ukraine after the rebels shot down military jets earlier in July.

"The idea that somebody else was equally as stupid as they were is not that good of an argument," said Jonathan Reiter, a New York personalinjury lawyer who has handled many aviation cases.

Families of those on this year's major air crashes—Flight 17; Malaysia Airlines Flight



In this Aug. 12, 2014 photo, Kevin Fan poses for a photo at Asian Glories restaurant in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

370, which disappeared as it flew from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing; the crash of TransAsia Airways Flight 222 in stormy weather in Taiwan; and the crash of Air Algerie Flight 5017 in Mali—could be waiting years for compensation from the airlines and their insurers.

Under the Montreal treaty, lawsuits can be filed in the home country of the victim, the country where the airline is based, where the ticket was bought or where the plane was headed. Americans and Europeans have often received higher awards than families in countries such as Malaysia, where the courts usually stick to the treaty limit, lawyers say.

"You could have two people sitting next to each other who may have the same income. (The family of) one gets multi millions, and the other one gets \$75,000," said Justin Green, an aviation attorney whose firm represented families of victims of Pan Am 103, bombed over Scotland in 1988.

For some relatives of those on Flight 17, the pain is still too raw to decide whether to go to court.

In the Netherlands, Kevin Fan is grappling with the job of running two Rotterdam restaurants that were owned by his parents, who, along with his grandmother, died in the crash. Fan's father, who went by Popo, was the chef at Asian Glories; his mother, Jenny, was the hostess.

On a recent day, several bunches of fresh-cut flowers had been left as a memorial outside the small restaurant. The 30-year-old Fan, an acclaimed young chef, was finishing a meeting with two accountants to go over the restaurant's books. He was about to start his next shift in the kitchen.

"It is overwhelming. There is just a lot to arrange," he said, choosing his words carefully. "My family is really stepping in to help."

As for suing the airline, Fan said, "I'm not focused on that right now."

Harun Calehr, whose two nephews were on Flight 17, said that even an initial partial payment from Malaysia Airlines was emotionally taxing.

"My mother and my sister were thinking that it is blood money," said Calehr, who was born in the Netherlands and now practices law—including aviation law—in Houston. "I told them, 'This is not profiting from the boys' demise. This is your right.' The only accountability you can get from a company is financial compensation, and maybe an apology."

In the months since Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared, Steve Wang, a Chinese citizen whose mother was on the plane, decided to seek more than the \$174,000 limit. It is a form of leverage.

"What I need most is not the compensation," Wang said. "What I really need is (to know) what happened to the plane—where is it now? So we want to push them to search in a faster way."

After many crashes, lawsuits are filed against the airlines,

the aircraft manufacturer, and the makers of aviation systems on the plane. In the Air Algerie case, Spain's Swiftair, which was operating the flight, could be a target.

Flight 17 is different—a civilian airliner shot out of the sky—but if families can't sue Russia or the rebels suspected of firing the missile, there is precedent for finding an airline liable after its plane was shot down.

In 1983, a Soviet fighter jet downed Korean Air Lines Flight 007, a Boeing 747 jumbo jet bound from New York to Seoul via Anchorage, Alaska. The KAL plane with 269 people on board had flown off course and into Soviet airspace. The Soviets never compensated any of the passengers' families. Years later, families in the U.S. won settlements and jury awards against Korean Air that ranged up to \$10 million, The Associated Press reported at the time.

Governments can invoke sovereignty, but they have compensated families in rare cases. After an American warship shot down Iran Air Flight 655 in 1988, the U.S. agreed to pay \$61.8 million to the families of victims.

Libya agreed to pay \$2.7 billion in compensation for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in exchange for the lifting of U.S. and international trade sanctions imposed after the attack. Unlike Russia, the U.S. government had designated Libya a state sponsor of terrorism.

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Environment

Geologists go miles deep in quest to predict earthquakes

By EMILY CONOVER

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MILWAUKEE—To understand earthquakes, scientists have hatched an audacious plan—go straight to the source.

That means drilling milesdeep into the earth, directly through faults where two plates of the earth's crust come into contact.

Geologists at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are doing just that, as part of two experiments located at dangerous faults in New Zealand and Japan—faults that could rupture at any moment, causing massive earthquakes.

"These are the natural disasters that kill the most people on the planet. So we need to know as well as we can how they work and whether there are ways to mitigate their effects by early warning or detection," said Harold Tobin, a professor in the department of geoscience at UW-Madison.

To understand the processes that trigger such massive quakes, the scientists will

take samples of rock from the faults they drill, record the conditions in the borehole and, if they're lucky, catch a quake in action.

Earthquakes are some of the most destructive and deadly natural disasters on the planet. They also are some of the least predictable. Scientists can say how likely a fault is to experience a quake, but only over the span of decades—not very helpful for people living in the area who need to take cover in the moments before.

Scientists don't how—or even if—it might be possible to predict earthquakes. Part of the problem is they know so little about how earthquakes start. The phenomenon begins deep below the surface of the earth, inaccessible to researchers.

Typically, earthquakes are studied by measuring the seismic waves that emanate from tremors within the earth. This information is useful, but it's indirect. It's sort of like trying to figure out what's inside your Christmas present by shaking the box around-you'd know



much more if you could unwrap it and look directly at what was inside.

This is why the scientists want to drill down to the fault. They will take cores as they drill, bringing up intact samples of rock in order to study their properties. And they will place instruments in the borehole to measure seismic tremors and other important characteristics of the fault zone, like the pressure, temperature, and stresses and strains on the rocks, as well as properties of groundwater in the area.

"If we want to understand earthquakes, it's one of the few kind of direct ways we can get evidence about what faults are like," said Clifford Thurber, a professor in the department of geoscience at UW-Madison.

Thurber and Tobin are part of an international group of scientists working on the Deep Fault Drilling Project, an experiment studying the Alpine Fault in New Zealand.

This fault has lain dormant since 1717, and it typically produces a major quake every 300 or 400 years. Scientists therefore think the fault is due, estimating a 28 percent chance of a quake in the next 50 years. Beginning in October, experimenters will drill nearly a mile deep into the Alpine Fault.

Drilling such holes, however, is no easy task—especially for faults that are underwater, as many of the most dangerous, tsunami-generating faults are.

As co-chief scientist of the Nankai Trough Seismogenic Zone Experiment (NanTroSEIZE) in Japan, Tobin spent seven weeks at sea last winter on a scientific drilling ship called the Chikyu, drilling into the Nankai Fault off the coast of southern Japan.

At times braving harsh winds and waves as high as 30 feet, Tobin and his fellow scientists took round-the-clock shifts analyzing the data and cores of rock that came out of the borehole. The hole is currently more than halfway to its planned depth of three miles below the seabed.

Instruments will remain in the boreholes of both experiments for decades, quietly collecting data, waiting for a quake that could strike at any time.

The UW researchers also were involved in an earlier experiment, the San Andreas Fault Observatory at Depth (SAFOD), completed in 2007. Scientists drilled a two-miledeep hole that pierced the infamous San Andreas Fault in California.

The experiment recovered some of the first samples of rock from a fault at the depth where small earthquakes can originate.

However, scientists encountered many setbacks. Drilling was more expensive than expected, due to rising oil prices. And instruments placed in the borehole failed shortly after they were installed, due to the corrosive gases, crushing pressures and high temperatures they encountered at that depth.

"The whole thing is just like a cauldron down there." Thurber said.

lessons scientists learned through their struggles with SAFOD will be applied to the experiments in New Zealand and Japan.

These experiments won't quite reach the depth where major quakes are initiated, but they will gain valuable information about how faults behave close to the source, and how earthquakes travel along the fault when it ruptures.

'We're seeing rocks much closer to what they are like down where earthquakes do their thing," Thurber said.

63 trillion gallons of groundwater lost in Calif. drought, study finds

By RONG-GONG LIN II LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—The ongoing drought in the western United States has caused so much loss of groundwater that the Earth, on average, has lifted up about 0.16 inches over the last 18 months, according to a new study.

The situation was even worse in the snow-starved mountains of California, where the Earth rose up to 0.6 inches.

Researchers from the University of California San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the U.S. Geological Survey estimated the groundwater loss from the start of 2013 to be 63 trillion gallons—the equivalent of flooding four inches of water across the United States west of the Rocky Mountains.

The study, published online Thursday by the journal Science, offers a grim accounting of the drought's toll.

"We found that it's most severe in California, particularly in the Sierras," said coauthor Duncan Agnew, professor of geophysics at UC San Diego.

"It's predominantly in the Coast Ranges and the Sierras showing the most uplift, and hence, that's where we believe is the largest water loss."

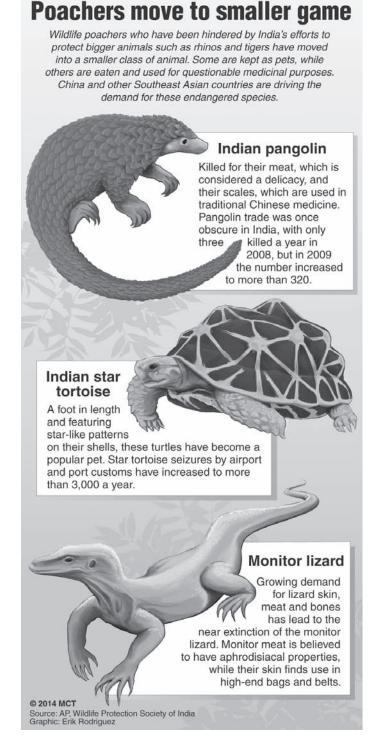
Scientists came to this conclusion by studying data collected from hundreds of GPS sensors across the western United States, installed primarily to detect small changes in the ground due to earthquakes.

But the GPS data can also be used to show very small changes in elevation. Groundwater is very heavy, and its weight depresses the Earth's upper crust. Remove the weight, and the crust springs upward—and GPS sensors can detect how much higher the land has risen as a result of loss of groundwater.

The highest uplift of the Earth occurred in California's mountains because there is so much water underneath them, Agnew said. The uplift was less in Nevada and the Great Basin.

"You can only lose water where there's water to lose," Agnew said.

According to the study, data showed the period of land lifting up as beginning in 2013, and continuing to this day.



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Life & Style

Author's ode to crosswords is right on the mark

By DINESH RAMDE

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The Crossword Century: 100 Years of Witty Wordplay, Ingenious Puzzles, and Linguistic Mischief (Gotham Books), by Alan Connor

If you love solving crosswords, you know how it feels to be in the fraternity. There's the rush of matching wits with a mysterious puzzle-maker, the thrill of nailing an elusive answer and the satisfaction of filling in the final square.

There's a charm in playing the game, a charm that can be hard to describe. But Alan Connor, a British quizmaster who writes a column on crosswords for the Guardian newspaper, is more than up to the challenge.

Connor is the author of *The* Crossword Century: 100 Years of Witty Wordplay, Ingenious Puzzles, and Linguistic Mischief. The book details the history and evolution of crosswords since the first one appeared in 1913. But what makes it such a

fun read is Connor's evident passion for all things crossword.

"The moments you spend in a puzzle have the potential to shut out the outside world for a blessedly silent period," he says. "You refreshed return from a happier place."

Indeed. Solvers recognize that feeling, but it's nice to be reassured that others share our appreciation. Crosswords are largely a solitary affair, so it's easy to lose sight of how many others share our bond.

Connor

papers and Hollywood. But why their obsession feels so sathis deeper message is when he preaches charmingly to the choir, reaffirming to crossword fans without a hint of smugness



100 YEARS OF WITTY WORDPLAY, INGENIOUS PUZZLES, AND LINGUISTIC MISCHIEF

ALAN CONNOR

This book cover image released by Gotham traces shows "The Crossword Century: 100 Years the history of cross- of Witty Wordplay, Ingenious Puzzles, and Linwords across news- guistic Mischief," by Alan Connor.

isfying.

He clearly relishes the ambiguity of the English language, as when he recounts clues such as "Die of cold?" for ICE CUBE.

He also appreciates the choreography between the puzzle creator and solver.

'Yes, the constructor is aiming to lose gracefully and intends you to decrypt every clue," he notes. "But that doesn't mean the crossword should simply crumble before the novice. There has to be a degree of bloodshed."

One of the most interesting chapters is his paean to one of the most famous puzzles of all: a 1996 New York Times gem in which the solver is asked what the next day's headline will be. The answer was designed so the intersecting letters could spell either CLINTONELECTED or BOBDOLEELECTED.

While Connor spends plenty of ink appreciating the crossword, he also devotes several chapters to its British cousin, the cryptic. He tries to teach readers how to decipher a cryptic's maddening clues—with limited

For example, we're supposed to recognize that the answer to "Strange I should tan poorly" is OUTLANDISH, an anagram of "I should tan." Seriously?

Despite Connor's best efforts, he may not inspire many crossword fans to tackle cryptics. But with his short chapters and crisp, elegant writing he does give them a fresh appreciation for their crossword obsession.

"To tackle a crossword is to enjoy the experience of your brain pulling on many different areas simultaneously, working in a way that everyday life rarely calls for," he says.

Crossword lovers will certainly relate.

With no Miley Cyrus twerking, VMA ratings down

NEW YORK (AP)—Without Miley Cyrus' twerking to get tongues wagging, ratings for MTV's annual Video Music Awards took a tumble.

The pop music extravaganza, at which Beyonce was in the spotlight, reached 8.3 million viewers on Sunday. That's down from the 10.1 million who saw last year's show but up from the 6.1 million who

watched the awards show live the year before that, the Nielsen ratings company said.

The VMAs live or die depending on whether they create a memorable pop culture moment. Last year, Cyrus hit pay dirt on her suggestive duet with Robin Thicke, which set Twitter volume records at the time. Cyrus didn't perform on Sunday's show and sent

a homeless youth onstage to accept her award for video of the year.

Still, the VMAs generated 12.6 million tweets from its young audience. By contrast, Nielsen said Monday's Emmy Awards show generated 1.1 million tweets even though, with an estimated 15.6 million viewers, more than twice as many people were watching.

CHART TOPPERS

The top 10 songs and albums on the iTunes Store for the week ending August 25, 2014:

TOP SONGS

- Shake It Off, Taylor Swift All About That Bass,
- Meghan Trainor Bang Bang, Jessie J,
- Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj Black Widow (feat. Rita Ora),
- Iggy Azalea Anaconda, Nicki Minaj
- Stay With Me, Sam Smith 6. Rather Be feat. Jess Glynne, Clean Bandit
- 8. Boom Clap, Charli XCX
- Chandelier, Sia
- Break Free (feat. Zedd), Ariana Grande

TOP ALBUMS

- 1989, Taylor Swift
- **Guardians of the Galaxy:** Aweso..., Various Artists
- Blacc Hollywood, Wiz Khalifa
- My Everything, Ariana Grande
- **Ignite the Night** (Party Edition), Chase Rice
- In the Lonely Hour, Sam Smith 5 Seconds of Summer,
- 5 Seconds of Summer
- TRXYE EP, Troye Sivan
- 9. **x**, Ed Sheeran
- 10. Nashville Outlaws: A Tribute t..., Various Artists

Spotify's Top 10 most streamed tracks, based on the number of people who shared it divided by the number who listened to it, from Aug. 18 to Aug. 24 via Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter and Spotify:

UNITED STATES

1. Meghan Trainor, "All About

- That Bass" (Epic Records) Sam Smith, "Stay With Me" (Capitol Records Ltd.)
- MAGIC!, "Rude" (RCA Records)
- Jessie J, "Bang Bang" (Republic Records)
- Sia, "Chandelier" (RCA Records)
- Ariana Grande, "Break Free" (Republic Records)
- Iggy Azalea, "Fancy" (Virgin EMI Records)
- Becky G, "Shower" (Kemosabe Records/RCA Records)
- Iggy Azalea, "Black Widow" (Virgin EMI Records)
- 10. Maroon 5, "Maps" (Interscope Records)

UNITED KINGDOM

- 1. MAGIC!, "Rude" (Sony Music **Entertainment International** Limited)
- Nico & Vinz, "Am I Wrong" (Parlophone Norway) George Ezra, "Budapest"
- (Columbia Records) Sam Smith, "Stay With Me"
- (Capitol Records I td) Ariana Grande, "Problem"
- (Republic Records) Ed Sheeran, "Don't" (Atlantic
- Records UK) 7. Ed Sheeran, "Sing" (Atlantic
- Records UK) Sia, "Chandelier" (Monkey Puzzle Records)
- Ella Henderson, "Ghost" (Syco Music)
- 10. Mr. Probz, "Waves Robin Schulz Radio Edit" (Ultra / Sony Music Entertainment Netherlands B.V.)

GLOBAL

1. MAGIC!, "Rude" (RCA Records)

- 2. Sam Smith, "Stay With Me" (Capitol Records Ltd.)
- Sia, "Chanedlier" (RCA Records)
- Ariana Grande, "Break Free" (Republic Records)
- Ariana Grande, "Problem" (Republic Records)
- Maroon 5, "Maps" (Interscope Records)
- 7. Nico & Vinz, "Am I Wrong" (Parlophone Norway)
- Calvin Harris, "Summer" (Columbia Records)
- Meghan Trainor, "All About That Bass" (Epic Records)
- 10. Lilly Wood and The Prick, "Prayer in C - Robin Schulz Radio Edit"

(Warner Music Germany)

Spotify's Top 10 most viral tracks on Spotify, based on the number of people who shared it divided by the number who listened to it, from Monday, Aug. 18, to Sunday, Aug. 24, via Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter and Spotify:

UNITED STATES

- ODESZA, "Say My Name (feat. Zyra)" (Counter Records)
- 2. Nickelback, "Edge Of A Revolution" (Republic Records)
- 3. Alt-J, "Every Other Freckle" (Canvasback/ATL)
- Ryn Weaver, "OctaHate" (Friends Keep Secrets/ Interscope Records)
- 5. The Knocks, "Classic (feat. Powers)" (Big Beat Records) Watsky, "Whoa Whoa
- Whoa" (Welk Music Group) SOPHIE, "Lemonade" (Numbers)

- 8. Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness, "Cecilia And The
- Sattelite" (Vanguard Records) Meghan Trainor, "All About
- That Bass" (Epic Records) 10. Hozier, "Take Me To Church" (Rubyworks)

UNITED KINGDOM

- 1. Caribou, "Our Love" (City Slang)
- Ben Howard, "I Forget Where We Were" (Digital Distribution
- Gerard Way, "No Shows" (Reprise)
- "Weird Al" Yankovic, "NOW That's What I Call Polka!" (RCA Records)
- Jamie T, "Zomby" (Universal Music Ltd.)
- alt-j, "Every Other Freckle" (Infectious)
- Royal Blood, "Figure It Out" (Warner Bros. Records)
- ODESZA, "Say My Name (feat. Zyra)" (Counter Records) Klangkarussell. "Netzwerk
- (Falls Like Rain)" (Universal 10. Various Artists, "In the Night
- **Garden Closing Theme**" (Little Demon)

GLOBAL

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- 2. ODESZA, "Say My Name (feat. Zyra)" (Counter Records)
- 3. Alt-J, "Every Other Freckle" (Canvasback/ATL)
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- Ryn Weaver, "OctaHate" (Friends Keep Secrets/Interscope Records)
- Meghan Trainor, "All About
- That Bass" (Epic Records) Djämes Braun, "Fugle"
- (Parlophone Denmark) 10. Blue Swede, "Hooked On a Feeling" (Parlophone Sweden)

The top iPhone and iPad apps on App Store for the week ending August 25, 2014:

TOP PAID IPHONE APPS

- 1. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
- 2. Minecraft Pocket Edition, Mojang
- Afterlight, Afterlight Collective, Inc
- Sleep Cycle alarm clock,
- Northcube AB Videoshop - Video Editor,
- Joseph Riquelme **NFL Fantasy Football Cheat** She..., NFL Enterprises LLC

Card Wars - Adventure

- Time, Cartoon Network Buddyman: Kick 2, Crazylion
- Studios Limited Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
- 10. Footballguys Fantasy Football..., Sportsguys LLC

TOP FREE IPHONE APPS

- 1. Facebook Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
- Circle The Dot!, Ketchapp
- FaceQ, erick kuo Swing Copters,
- Dong Nguyen
- **Instagram**, Instagram, Inc. Star Wars: Commander,

- LucasArts
- Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
- YouTube, Google, Inc
- Snapchat, Snapchat, Inc. 10. RollerCoaster Tycoon 4 Mobile, Atari

- **TOP PAID IPAD APPS** 1. Minecraft - Pocket Edition,
- Mojang 2. **Notability**, Ginger Labs
- **Footballguys Fantasy** Football ..., Sportsguys LLC
- **NFL Fantasy Football Cheat**
- She..., NFL Enterprises LLC **RotoWire Fantasy Football** Draf..., Roto Sports, Inc.
- 6. PAW Patrol Rescue Run HD, Nickelodeon
- 7. Sheriff Callie's Tales of the ..., Disney 8. Star Walk 2 - Guide to the
- Sky..., Vito Technology Inc. Card Wars - Adventure
- Cartoon Network
- 10. Squish: Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, Disney
- **TOP FREE IPAD APPS**
- 1. Star Wars: Commander, LucasArts
- 2. Hanx Writer, Hitcents.com, Inc.
- 3. YouTube, Google, Inc. **LEGO FUSION Town Master.** The LEGO Group
- Netflix, Netflix, Inc. Skype for iPad, Skype 6. Communications S.a.r.I
- 7. Swing Copters, Dong Nauven 8. Microsoft Word for iPad,
- Microsoft Corporation Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
- 10. **Beats Music**, Beats Music, LLC.

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Miley Cyrus'date wanted by US police

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)— The young homeless man who accompanied Miley Cyrus to the MTV Video Music Awards has a warrant out for his arrest in Oregon.

Jesse Helt, 22, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief, criminal trespass and burglary in 2010. According to court records, he broke into the apartment of a man who had been selling what Helt believed to be bad marijuana.

Helt, who was 18 at the time, pleaded guilty to criminal mischief and criminal trespass, both misdemeanors, and was

sentenced to 30 days in jail and ficials are trying to locate Helt probation. The arrest warrant was issued in November 2011 after he violated probation.

Helt moved to Los Angeles and lived on the streets while trying to find work as a model.

He gained worldwide attention Sunday when Cyrus let him accept her award for video of the year. Helt, who met Cyrus through a Hollywood homeless center, used the platform to call attention to the issue of youth homelessness.

Polk County Director of Community Corrections Martin Silbernagel said Tuesday ofand arrest him. He said Helt repeatedly failed to meet with his probation officer.

Linda Helt, Jesse's mother, told reporters Monday that Cyrus had given her son some money and he was flying home for a visit.

Sheriff's detective John Williams went to the mother's Salem home Tuesday, but did not find Helt. Williams said he spoke with the family and let them know he's looking for Jesse.

Court records show Helt was arrested by Salem police three



times as a juvenile, for offenses such as marijuana possession and being a minor in possession of tobacco products and liquor.

As Helt's moment in the sun took a dark twist, Cyrus said via Twitter: "People who are homeless have lived very hard lives. Jesse included." She then asked: "Does looking down upon the homeless help people excuse their inaction?'

In this Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014 file photo, Miley Cyrus, front, hugs Jesse Helt, right, at the MTV Video Music Awards at The Forum in Inglewood, Calif.

By ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON

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SAO PAULO (AP)—Past the graffiti-covered overpass and subway tracks, in a slum penned in by high-rises, 8-year-old Gabriela Aparecida fixes her curly hair into a bun as she waits for a ride to her new favorite activity: ballet. Peeling back the tarp over the doorway, the skinny girl reaches out into the dirt alleyway to hug the church volunteer arriving to take her to dance class.

Growing up amid drug dealers and addicts, Gabriela has yet to learn how to read. Yet she and other girls from a rough neighborhood known as a "cracolandia," or crackland, are learning the graceful art courtesy of a local church group that also offers them food, counseling and Bible studies. The class is among several groups where young dancers hope to catch the eye of a respected Brazilian ballerina who recruits dozens of disadvantaged girls for an annual workshop.

Twice a week, more than 20 girls, ages 5 through 12, board a Volkswagen van for a 10-minute ride to class, where they put on pink or black tights and ballet shoes donated by a dancewear store.

On a recent day, instructor Joana Machado played a jaunty tune of flutes and piano. Sitting on the floor, the girls formed a circle with their legs out in front of them and knees straight. They flexed their feet and then stretched their toes down toward the floor, over and over again while Machado corrected the younger ones' form.

The time spent focused on grace and control is far removed from the girls' daily lives. Many are being raised by parents who are recovering from or are addicted to drugs. Some girls live with relatives who are dealers, or they have been abandoned and taken in by neighbors. Some have experienced violence.

Girls growing up in favelas are more likely to become pregnant as teens, and the last 2010 census found the rate of illiteracy was twice as high in the slums than in

Girls from Brazil's favelas find escape in ballet

other areas of Brazil.

"We see all kinds of stories here. From girls who haven't showered in days, who don't know how to brush their teeth, who are locked inside their homes all day," said Machado, instructor and head of the project. "I feel always responsible for their lives, always worried about what may happen."

Machado just opened the studio named "House of Dreams" in the neighborhood, relocating the class from a more commercial area of Sao Paulo. Machado herself was raised by a drug addict, who later recovered, in the northeastern state of Bahia.

Ballet dancer Priscilla Yokoi, whose performances have taken her to 15 countries including the United States, recently visited and chose five of the girls for the annual workshop. It allows 150 disadvantaged children to take four days of classes with foreign ballerinas and perform a show in October. The school Gabriela attends doesn't accept boys, but some of the other groups that Yokoi visits do.

Yokoi recently traveled to another slum in Sao Paulo where an audition at a basketball court attracted about 40 dancers and dozens of onlookers from the neighborhood. Some of the girls

who took up dancing at a local studio sat on the cold concrete while Yokoi looked for the prettiest pointed feet.

At the workshop in Paulinia, a city north of Sao Paulo, Yokoi brings dance scouts from the only school the prestigious Bolshoi Ballet operates outside of Russia. Yokoi said she wanted to expand on efforts like the Bolshoi school, which opened in 2000 in the southern Brazilian city of Joinville and accepts only a handful of students each year.

"The way I see ballet in these forgotten areas is that it brings children hope. They audition, they participate in a workshop and they are more motivated," Yokoi said. "I see my project as a window into what ballet can become in Brazil if we find talent within these communities."

classical ballet to Brazil in the 1920s, when dancers began immigrating and established dance companies in cities like Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. The Bolshoi school in Brazil has given birth to a new generation of Brazilian ballet dancers, such as Deise Mendonca, who performs with the State Street Ballet company in Santa Barbara, California. Earlier this year, she brought tears to the eves of judges on the Fox tele-

Mendonca's father was a mail carrier and her mother unemployed when the family moved to Joinville so she could join the Bolshoi school as a scholarship student.

vision show "So You Think

You Can Dance."

ture opportunities."

Back in the "crackland" studio, some of the girls make faces and giggle at their reflections in the large mirror next to the barre. The barre work requires more concentration, instructor Machado tells them as they bend their knees into what is known in ballet parlance as a grand plie. Keep your chin and chest lifted, but not too much. she tells them. Keep your back firm, not arched.

"You think it is easy. It looks easy. It's not, and it hurts," Machado tells three sisters who joined the group earlier this year.

After class, the girls get in the van to return home. At the last stop, 8-year-old Sandra Alves doesn't want to get off and she hides her face in her knees. "Just pretend I am not here."



In this Aug. 6, 2014 photo, ballet instructor Joana Machado instructs young girls at her House of Dreams dance studio in Crackland, one of the roughest neighborhoods of downtown Sao Paulo, Brazil. "We see all kinds of stories here. From girls who haven'tshowered in days, who don't know how to brush their teeth, who are locked inside their homes all day," said Machado. "I feel always responsible for their lives, always worried about what may happen."

Video game makers: Lohan sued us for attention

YORK (AP)—The makes of the "Grand Theft Auto" video games say Lindsay Lohan sued to get attention when she asserted the games' latest installment features a character based on her.

In Manhattan court papers made public Tuesday, Take-Two Interactive Software Inc. and subsidiary Rockstar Games call the case frivolous and maintain it was "filed for publicity purposes." They want it dismissed

and want the "Mean Girls" star to pay their legal fees.

Lohan's lawyer didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Lohan sued in July over "Grand Theft Auto V." Her suit says the game uses her image, voice and styles and evokes her via a character named Lacey Jonas.

Take-Two says her voice, name and likeness aren't used, and the character resembles her only in being a young, blonde woman.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Publisher acquires Robin Williams biography

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York Times cultural reporter who has written extensively about Robin Williams is working on a book about the late actor-comedian. Henry Holt and Co. announced Tuesday it had acquired a planned biography by the Times' Dave Itzkoff. The book is currently untitled. No publication date has been set. Williams was the manic superstar of the sitcom "Mork and Mindy" and later won an Oscar for his work in "Good Will Hunting." He committed suicide at age 63. His body was found in his Northern California home on Aug. 11. Itzkoff's "Mad as Hell: The Making of Network and the Fateful Vision of the Angriest Man in Movies" was published this year.

NBC's Emmycast logs robust 15.6 million viewership

NEW YORK (AP)—NBC says the Emmys thrived despite a Monday airing in the dog days of August. Broadcast on a nontraditional night prior to Labor Day, the television awards show nonetheless logged 15.6 million viewers. It was the second biggest audience for an Emmy Awards broadcast in eight years, NBC said Tuesday. The viewership was exceeded only by last year's airing by CBS, when it drew 17.8 million viewers on a Sunday in September, with an NFL game as lead-in. The 15.6-million audience makes this the most-watched night on any network since ABC's Academy Awards on March 2, when 35.2 million viewers were tuned in. The Emmycast, which aired from Los Angeles live across all time zones, was hosted by Seth Meyers.

American soccer player Tim Howard has book deal

NEW YORK (AP)—American soccer hero and international celebrity Tim Howard has advanced to the next round of fame: a book deal. Howard has penned a memoir that will be published Dec. 9 by HarperCollins Publishers. The publisher said Monday that "The Goalkeeper" will be available in adult and young adult editions. In a statement issued through HarperCollins, the 35-year-old Howard says he was eager to share the highs and lows of his life and career, including his battles with Tourette's Syndrome, and hopes to inspire others. World Cup fans were dazzled this summer by Howard's record-setting 16 saves in the Americans' 2-1 loss in extra time to Belgium in the second round. He recently agreed to a multiyear deal to serve as a commentator for NBC Sports Group.

Conrad Hilton hurt in car crash near Palm Springs

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Authorities say Conrad Hilton received major injuries when he lost control of his BMW and crashed on a highway near Palm Springs over the weekend.

California Highway Patrol

Sgt. Daniel Hesser said Tuesday that Paris Hilton's 19-year-old brother was taken from the accident scene to Desert Regional Medical Center. His current condition is unknown.

Authorities say Hilton was

change lanes and hit a Volkswagen. They say he then lost control of his car and crashed into a tractor trailer.

Firefighters used the jaws of life to pull Hilton from his ve-

speeding when he tried to hicle. Police determined that alcohol or drugs were not factors in the collision.

> Hesser said the CHP received reports about a reckless driver before the crash occurred, but officers were not in pursuit at the time. A CHP helicopter crew witnessed the crash.

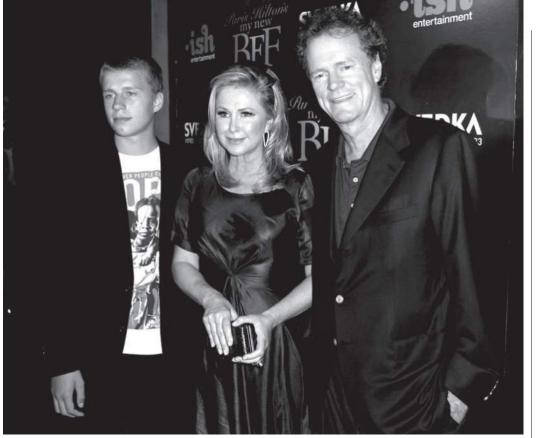
Robert Hass wins \$100,000 poetry prize

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert Hass, a Pulitzer Prize winner and former U.S. poet laureate, has received a \$100,000 lifetime achievement award.

The Academy of American Poets announced Tuesday that Hass had been given the Wallace Stevens award for "outstanding and proven mastery." The 73-year-old Hass is known for such collections as "Time and Materials" and "The Apple Trees at Olema." Previous winners of the Stevens award include John Ashbery and Adrienne Rich.

Also Tuesday, the academy awarded a \$25,000 fellowship to Tracy K. Smith, who in 2012 won the Pulitzer Prize for "Life On Mars."

The academy is a nonprofit organization founded in 1934.



In this Sept. 30, 2008 file photo, Conrad Hilton, left, Kathy Hilton, center, and Rick Hilton arrive at the launch party of new MTV series "Paris Hilton's My New BFF" in Los Angeles.

NY judge dismisses suit over 'Deep Throat' film

NEW YORK (AP)—A Man- Co. and other defendants in a is a critical, biographical film hattan judge has found a lot of differences between the porn classic "Deep Throat" and last year's Hollywood-produced biography of the world's first major porn star.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Griesa tossed out a lawsuit brought by Arrow Productions Limited against the Weinstein written decision that was publicly released Tuesday.

The judge said he decided after reviewing both films that the makers of the Hollywood film did not copy the core of "Deep Throat," which came out in 1972. He said "Deep Throat" is a pornographic film focusing on one type of sex act while "Lovelace"

which contains no pornographic scenes or nudity.

In Monday's decision, Griesa described "Deep Throat" as a "famous pornographic film replete with explicit sexual scenes and sophomoric humor" while he said "Lovelace" documents the tragic life of Linda Lovelace, whose real name was

Linda Boreman.

The lawsuit attempted to prevent the distribution of "Lovelace" when it was released last year, but Griesa did not allow it.

The judge said the reproduction in "Lovelace" of three scenes from "Deep Throat" was transformative, adding "a new, critical perspective on the life of Linda Lovelace and the production of "Deep Throat."

Wife is unwilling to shoulder burden of mother-in-law's care

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law is 80 and in the early stages of Alzheimer's. She lives alone an hour and a half from us. She also has a professional who takes care of her once a week. My husband, "Fred," goes to help and entertain her every weekend, and I sometimes accompany him. She has enough money to stay in an assisted living facility, but Fred wants to build a mother-in-law apartment for her on our property.

Abby, I DON'T LIKE HER. She was a bully when she was ounger, and she's still manipulative. She has made some comments about me hitting her, which never happened. Of course, Fred believed me. If she lives with us, I will be her main caregiver because I have a home-based business and a flexible schedule.

I have already said no to Fred's idea, but I don't want to be the bad guy. His two brothers live states away and don't want to be involved because of the way their mother treated them during their teens. Fred is the only son willing to overlook past issues and has made peace with her.

Could you help me to sort this out?

THREE'S A CROWD IN MARYLAND

DEAR THREE'S A CROWD: I'll try. Caring for someone who has Alzheimer's disease is a full-time job because the disease is PROGRESSIVE. While Fred's mother can live alone with the help of a professional once a week now, that will soon not be the case. She will become increasingly helpless and so confused that should an emergency arise in her apartment she will be unable to think sequentially enough to know what to do.

She may no longer recognize who you are and become agitated and combative.

For these reasons your mother-in-law should be in an assisted living facility staffed with caregivers who have been trained to take care of people with Alzheimer's. Because you have a business to run, it can't be you. Since Fred has made peace with his mother, he should visit her often to ensure she is welltreated. But he should NOT expect the responsibility of caring for her to be yours because it is unrealistic.

DEAR ABBY: My wife likes to leave money hidden in the house or car as her little ATM. The problem is, one or both of our teenagers discover her stashes and the money disappears. We have had a family meeting about it, yet it continues. I have argued for years with her that part of the problem is leaving money around, not cleverly hidden.

My wife blames one kid who she wants to kick out, but what if it's the other? Now she's blaming me for not solving the problem. Yes, it's terrible, but she has fed the impulsiveness and refuses to change her ways. She wants us to be on the "same page," but that usually means her page. Any ideas? Family counseling?

DAD IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR DAD: Your wife may want to place the blame on you, but there is more than one problem happening in your household. The first is her insistence on leaving money where it's tempting a teen (or two) who steals. Second, you don't know

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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who is taking the money and what it's being used for. Third is your wife's idea that a quick fix would be to throw a depen-

It may take the services of a licensed marriage counselor to mediate an agreement between the two of you to work cooperatively together. If your wife needs money, the only ATM she should use is one that's connected with your bank rather than the cookie jar. Your teens should both be tested for drugs and evaluated for emotional problems. After that, family counseling might help you all communicate more successfully with one another.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Florence Welch, 28; Armie Hammer, 28; Jack Black, 45; Shania Twain, 49.

Happy Birthday: Having a realistic plan will be half the battle this year. Listen to what others say, but choose the path based on logic, facts and the research you do along the way. Protect against people bearing hidden agendas and looking for a way to throw you off your game. Face challenges with strength, courage and a positive attitude. Your numbers are 5, 11, 19, 22, 34, 41, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't make waves when you should be aiming to keep things calm. Avoid unnecessary changes, but don't ignore a good opportunity. Expand your knowledge, friendships and love of life. Make sure you follow your heart and care

about what you do. ❖❖❖ TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Know what's required of you if you want to get ahead or change your direction. Don't sit idle when it's up to you to make a choice and make your move. Don't be shy-take what be-

longs to you. 🛇 😂 GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be a driving force, but if you try to mix business with pleasure, personal information will be revealed that won't be in your best interest. Say little, observe a lot and you will make unex-

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotions will lead you astray. Keep your mind focused on what you need to do, refusing to let others influence an important decision regard-

pected gains. Romance is highlighted. �����

ing your professional and personal direction. Do what's best for you. 😂

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Check out every angle of a situation. Not everyone will agree with what you want to do, but at least you will know where you stand and what to expect if you move forward with your plans. Follow your heart, but remain levelheaded. ����

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Questioning) your direction can be a good thing and can also lead to picking up information and skills that will help you reach your goals and raise your standard of living. Change can be good if it's manufactured carefully. •••

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try to appreciate your own position and focus on your destination. Explore and experiment, but don't give up what you have when all you need to do is expand your interests, allies and skills. Love is in the stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your vision regarding what's happening in your professional life may be foggy. Don't count on anything that isn't signed, sealed and delivered. Focus on networking, communication and building strong alliances with those who re-

quire what you have to offer. **QQQ**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep a lid on your plans. Concentrate on making personal improvements that will help you present your skills with more finesse and confidence. Changes to your living arrangements will add to your happiness and bring you greater security.

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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may face opposition, but when it comes to making financial, legal or medical decisions, do what you feel is best for you. You can make gains if your choices and decisions are based on your individual needs. **33**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't look at the negative or let anyone who has a different opinion drag you down. Put more energy and attention into positive partnerships and professional changes that will bring you the results you are looking for. Love is on the rise. OOOOO

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A change regarding an important relationship will catch you by surprise. Resurrect some of your old ideas and bring someone back from your past who can help you make your dreams come true. A persuasive push will lead to a worthwhile reunion. QQQ

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, philosophical and curious. You are intelligent and insightful.

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By Dave Green

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Bumgarner flirts with perfection in 3-0 Giants win



SAN FRANCIS-CO (AP)—Madison Bumgarner pitched a one-hitter

and the San Francisco Giants beat the Colorado Rockies 3-0 on Tuesday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

The two-time All-Star retired the first 21 batters before Justin Morneau doubled down the right field line to end the bid for perfection. That was the only baserunner Bumgarner (15-9) gave up. He fanned the next three hitters and matched his career high of 13 strikeouts.

San Francisco's husky left-hander was attempting to follow Tim Lince-cum's no-hitter at AT&T Park on June 25 against San Diego with another milestone. His 103-pitch gem helped the Giants move a game ahead of St. Louis in the wild-card race.

Buster Posey homered twice for San Francisco.

Phillies 3, Nationals 2

In Philadelphia, Freddy Galvis and Darin Ruf homered and Carlos Ruiz drove in the go-ahead run with an eighth-inning sacrifice fly.

Ken Giles (3-1) struck out the side in a scoreless eighth to help the Phillies to their fifth win in six games. Jonathan Papelbon pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his 33rd save in 35 chances.

Asdrubal Cabrera homered for the Nationals, who lost consecutive games for the first time since Aug. 4-5.

Gio Gonzalez (6-10) gave up three runs on six hits in six innings to extend his winless streak to nine starts.

Pirates 5, Cardinals 2

In Pittsburgh, pinch-hitter Ike Davis launched a tiebreaking, three-run homer off Seth Maness in the eighth inning.

The Pirates won after reigning NL MVP Andrew McCutchen left in the fifth inning because of discomfort in his left ribs. Recently on the disabled list because of a rib problem, the center fielder ran into the wall earlier in the game.

Davis sent a 2-2 pitch from Maness (5-3) deep over the fence in right-center for his ninth home run of the season and his third as a pinch-hitter.

Tony Watson (9-1) couldn't protect an early lead after six-plus dominant innings by starter Gerrit Cole, but picked up the win. Mark Melancon worked the ninth for his 23rd save.

Josh Harrison homered for the Pirates.

Mets 3, Braves 2

In New York, Juan Lagares hit a tworun homer, sending Dillon Gee and the Mets to the win.

Gee (5-6) stopped the longest losing streak of his career at five games, outpitching Alex Wood (9-10) in the opener of a three-game series. Lagares, one of the best defensive center fielders in baseball, scurried from gap to gap and finished with seven putouts.

One of them was spectacular—he robbed Wood of a base hit with a diving, tumbling grab in shallow center to end the third inning.

Streaking slugger Justin Upton went 3 for 3 with an RBI double and a walk for Atlanta.

Cubs 3, Reds O

In Cincinnati, Travis Wood pitched six innings of two-hit ball against his



San Francisco Giants starter Madison Bumgarner pitches against he Colorado Rockies in the top of the eighth inning at the AT&T Park on Aug. 26, 2014, in San Francisco, California.

former team for his first win in two months, leading the Cubs past Johnny Cueto and Reds.

Arismendy Alcantara hit a two-run shot and Anthony Rizzo connected for his 30th homer for Chicago, which has won four in a row for the first time since June 30-July 4.

Cincinnati was shut out for the 12th time this season. Cueto (15-8) struck out eight in 6 1-3 innings in his second straight loss after winning seven consecutive decisions.

Wood (8-11) struck out five and walked one in his first victory since he pitched eight innings in a 3-0 win at Philadelphia on June 15.

Royals 2, Twins 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Alex Gordon hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning, helping the Royals avoid their first three-game skid since mid-July.

The Royals had been shut down all night by Ricky Nolasco, who scattered three hits over seven innings. But after going quietly in the eighth, the AL Central leaders managed to break through against closer Glen Perkins (3-1) in the ninth.

Alcides Escobar led off with a blooper to shallow right for a single, and Gordon followed by swatting the second pitch he saw over the right-field wall for his 10th homer.

Wade Davis (7-2) earned the win with a perfect ninth inning in relief.

Astros 4, Athletics 2

In Houston, Chris Carter hit his 32nd homer, a three-run drive in the eighth inning.

Oakland starter Jason Hammel had retired 10 straight batters when he was replaced by Luke Gregerson (3-3) for the eighth. Robbie Grossman reached on an error by first baseman Stephen Vogt with one out and Gregerson hit Jose Altuve with a pitch.

Carter then launched a 90 mph fast-ball onto the tracks atop the wall in left field to put Houston on top.

Josh Fields (4-6) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win and Chad Qualls did the same in the ninth for his 15th save.

Orioles 4, Rays 2

In Baltimore, Jonathan Schoop singled in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning and Caleb Joseph had two RBIs as the Orioles beat the fading Rays.

Nelson Cruz had two hits and drove in a run for the AL East-leading Orioles, who improved to 10-4 against Tampa Bay. Baltimore relievers gave up one hit over the final 4 1-3 innings.

Evan Longoria had two RBIs for the Rays, who have lost seven of 10 since reaching the .500 mark on Aug. 15. Tampa Bay stranded nine and had two runners thrown out at the plate.

Tigers 5, Yankees 2

In Detroit, Rick Porcello pitched eight impressive innings to set a career high for victories, and the Tigers snapped New York's five-game winning streak.

Porcello (15-8) joined teammate Max Scherzer as the American League's only 15-game winners, allowing two runs and nine hits. The 25-year-old right-hander threw a shutout in his previous start against Tampa Bay, and he blanked the Yankees until Jacoby Ellsbury's homer in the fifth.

Ellsbury added another solo shot in the eighth.

Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for Detroit for his 28th save in 34 chances. First baseman Miguel Cabrera made two nice plays to close out the win.

Brandon McCarthy (5-3) allowed five runs and nine hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Red Sox 11, Blue Jays 7, 11 innings

In Toronto, Mike Napoli and Allen Craig both homered in a seven-run 11th inning, Dustin Pedroia homered and had four RBIs for the Red Sox.

Boston broke away from a 4-4 tie for its second straight victory following an eight-game losing streak. Toronto

fell to 6-16 in August and, at 66-66, dropped to .500 for the first time since May 15.

Mookie Betts singled off Casey Janssen (3-2) to begin the 11th and was called out at second on Christian Vazquez's sacrifice, with the call overturned after a challenge by Red Sox manager John Farrell. Janssen was charged with an error when he bobbled Brock Holt's bunt, loading the bases for Pedroia, who singled through the drawn-in infield to score a pair.

Sergio Santos came on and struck out Yoenis Cespedes before Napoli, hit a towering three-run homer into the fifth deck. It's the 17th upper deck homer in the 25-year history of Rogers Centre, and the seventh by an opponent.

Daniel Nava doubled before Craig homered, his first with Boston.

Indians 8, White Sox 6, 10 innings

In Chicago, Zach Walters hit a two-run home run in the 10th inning. Pinch-hitter Lonnie Chisenhall doubled to lead off the 10th against Jake Petricka (0-4), and after failing to sacrifice Chisenhall to third, Walters hit a 3-2 pitch well into the right-field bleachers to give the Indians the lead.

Bryan Shaw (5-3) pitched 2 1-3 scoreless innings in relief for the win, keeping Cleveland 5 1/2 games behind Kansas City in the AL Central.

Chicago lost its seventh straight and saw Petricka give up a go-ahead home run in his second consecutive appearance after allowing Brian McCann's 10th inning walk-off Sunday against the Yankees.

Mariners 5, Rangers 0

In Seattle, James Paxton pitched into the seventh in a bounce-back start, and Robinson Cano hit his 12th home run.

Paxton threw a career-high 118 pitches and came an out away from tying his career high with seven innings pitched. The rookie lowered his ERA to 1.71, the best mark for

a pitcher in his first 11 major league starts since 1990.

Cano's towering two-out home run in the first opened the scoring and was his 71st RBI of the year.

Seattle broke open a two-run game in the fifth, with the big blow coming on a double by Endy Chavez, which drove in a pair. Dustin Ackley scored Austin Jackson later in the inning with a single.

Angels 8, Marlins 2

In Anaheim, Calif., Mike Trout had an RBI double and Albert Pujols added a two-run single during Los Angeles' five-run fourth inning. The Angels regained sole possession of the majors' best record.

Matt Shoemaker (13-4) yielded two hits over seven scoreless innings as the Angels (78-53) moved one game ahead of their AL West rival Oakland Athletics, who lost to Houston.

Trout slowed his August slump with three hits, and Efren Navarro drove in two runs as the Angels pounded 16 hits in their 10th victory in 14 games.

Nathan Eovaldi (6-9) gave up 10 hits in 3 1-3 innings while dropping his third straight start for the Marlins, who have lost four of six.

Dodgers 9, Diamondbacks 5

In Phoenix, Matt Kemp homered and the Dodgers scored six runs in the fourth inning, thanks in large part to two overturned out calls.

With the game tied at 2, the Dodgers hit five consecutive singles off starter Trevor Cahill (3-9) in the fourth. The Dodgers led 4-2 when A.J. Ellis singled to center field. The throw beat Carl Crawford to home plate, but umpire Will Little's out call was challenged by Dodgers manager Don Mattingly.

The call was overturned when it was determined that catcher Miguel Montero missed the tag; he had the ball in his other hand while tagging Crawford with his glove.

The next batter, pitcher Roberto Hernandez, was called out at first base on a bunt past the pitcher's mound. But Mattingly challenged that call, and Hernandez was ruled safe, allowing Justin Turner to score. Dee Gordon'S single and A sacrifice fly from Adrian Gonzalez brought in the last two runs of the inning.

Hernandez (8-9) made it through six innings and allowed three runs on six hits to improve to 2-1 with the Dodgers.

Padres 4, Brewers 1

In San Diego, Tyson Ross pitched 6 1-3 strong innings, Abraham Almonte had two RBIs and the Padres snapped the Brewers' five-game road winning streak.

Ross (12-12), the Padres' lone All-Star, extended his franchise record with his 13th consecutive quality start. He gave up one run and four hits with six strikeouts and two walks.

Joaquin Benoit pitched the ninth for his ninth save in 10 chances.

Ross is 6-6 with a 1.96 ERA during his quality start streak, which dates back to June 21. He has 86 strikeouts and 24 walks in that stretch.

Jimmy Nelson (2-5) worked five innings for Milwaukee and allowed four runs—two earned—on five hits, with seven strikeouts in losing his third straight.

Kevin Love pledges commitment to Cavaliers



"I'm in," Love told James. For the long haul.

Getting used to a new city and new team after being acquired by the Cavaliers on Saturday, Love said he's committed to winning an NBA title with the Cavaliers—however long it takes.

Love, who didn't make the playoffs during six sometimes rocky seasons with Minnesota, can opt out of his contract and become a free agent next summer. But 25-year-old Love, regarded as the game's top "spacing" forward, said he intends to stay with James and the Cavs.

"I'm committed to this team, committed long term to the end goal and that's to win championships," he said.

Cleveland is smitten with its newest superstar.

Love was introduced Tuesday by the Cavs, who acquired him in a blockbuster, threeteam trade that instantly turned Cleveland, which won just 33 games last season, into an NBA championship favorite. The deal also gives the team a star-pow-veloped into one of the game's where maybe he got away with ered trio in Love, James and Kyrie Irving.

Love and James became friends two summers ago as U.S. Olympic teammates in London. It was there, while chasing a gold medal together, that James began recruiting Love, who wasn't sure what to make of the four-time league MVP's overtures.

"Sitting next to me, a locker really close to me and he would always tell me how good he thought I was," Love said. "For me I would just kind of brush it off and shake it off because I was standoffish because I didn't know him well."

James persisted and after more conversations, Love realized there could be a time when their careers could intersect again.

"I thought that one day maybe I could play with LeBron James," he said.

And now that Love is gone, the Timberwolves are left to rebuild around No. 1 overall pick Andrew Wiggins and last year's top pick, Anthony Bennett, two young players they were able to pry from Cleveland.

Love didn't leave the Timberwolves on the best of terms. He was the face of the franchise, and Minnesota is where he detop rebounders and scorers, a dual threat from inside and out. But the years of losing wore on him and it was no secret that he wanted out.

Still, Love said he'll look back on his first NBA home as a positive experience.

"The people of Minnesota were great, the fans were great, they showed up, win, lose or draw, and I really developed a lot of relationships all the way down through the organization," he said. "It was a great six years, and I enjoyed my time, and I can't say enough good things about it.'

While Love was saying good things about his former team, his old boss wasn't as warm about him.

Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor isn't sure Love fits in Cleveland as well as many believe

"I question Kevin if this is going to be the best deal for him because I think he's going to be the third player on the team," Taylor said. "I don't think he's going to get a lot of credit if they do really well. I think he'll get blame if they don't do well.

"He's around a couple guys that are awful good. I'm not saying Kevin isn't good. I think

some stuff not playing defense on our team, I'm not sure that's how it's going to work in Cleveland. I would guess they're going to ask him to play more defense—and he's foul prone."

The Cavs know nothing is certain, and there's risk in bringing aboard Love. But with James, Love, Irving, guard Dion Waiters, relentless rebounder

Anderson Varejao and newly signed veterans Shawn Marion, Mike Miller and James Jones, the Cavs have the makings of a championship team—this season and for many more to come.



Davis, US beat Slovenia in basketball exhibition



LAS PAL-MAS, Canary Islands (AP)—Mike Krzyzewski's

oig men nau barely finished pushing around Slovenia when he was asked how they would match up with Spain's imposing frontcourt.

"I'm not going to compare. I haven't seen Spain play," Krzyzewski said. "If we play Spain, it's a long way away. So I'm just concentrating on U.S. and trying to get better.'

There's plenty of time, but his big guys are looking pretty good so far.

Anthony Davis scored 18 points and teamed with Kenneth Faried to dominate the inside, leading the U.S. national team to a 101-71 victory over Slovenia on Tuesday in its final exhibition game before the FIBA World Cup of Basketball.

Faried finished with 14 points for the Americans, who next head to Bilbao, Spain, for their tournament opener Saturday against Finland. The defending world champions also will face Turkey, New Zealand, the Dominican Republic and Ukraine in pool play.

A matchup with Spain, and its big men of Pau Gasol, Marc Gasol and Serge Ibaka, wouldn't come until the goldmedal game on Sept. 14 in Madrid. The Americans picked a bigger team than usual after years of playing small, perhaps with Spain in mind, and appear capable of looking eye-to-eye with anyone.

"We just try to make sure that whatever we do, we do together, because we know it's going to be tough in the tournament," Davis said.

The Americans weren't particularly impressive throughout the last of their four warmup games, their first since picking their final 12man roster on Saturday. But they were aggressive, with Davis and Faried wearing out the Slovenians - and even hooking up on a rare bigto-big alley-oop when Davis threw down Faried's lob pass for a 65-39 lead midway through the third quarter.

Kyrie Irving added 13 points while starting at point guard for the Americans ahead of Derrick Rose, and they played together at times. Rose had three points. Rudy Gay and Klay Thompson each scored 11.

The U.S. missed five of its first six free-throw attempts but got plenty more chances, finishing 29 of 46 at the line. Slovenia was just 10 of 17.

Phoenix Suns star Goran Dragic had only six points on 3-of-11 shooting as one of the many Slovenians saddled with foul problems. His brother, Zoran, led Slovenia with 16 points.

Slovenia will remain here to play in Group D, along with Lithuania, Angola, Australia, Mexico and Korea. The teams could meet again if both reach the knockout round, as Groups C and D are on the same side of the bracket and advance to Barcelona.

The U.S. led by six after one quarter, and then scored the first 10 of the second to open a 34-18 lead against the Slovenians, who struggled to go consecutive possessions without fouling. The lead was cut to 46-35 by halftime but the Americans quickly reopened a big cushion in the second half.

Slovenia was coming off a victory over Lithuania, which had been rolling through its exhibition schedule, but couldn't stay with the Americans, who had six players in double figures.

"We have high, high goals and I really ask for my players to win every game," Slovenia coach Jure Zdovc said. "Tonight I was hoping that we can and I believe that we can play better and to make better resistance against the team of United States."

There were elaborate pregame and halftime entertainment performances inside a lively Gran Canaria Arena, with enough costumes, dancers and acrobats to fill a circus routine. The game itself wasn't quite as pretty, the frequency of the fouls occasionally preventing much of a flow.

But the Americans worked through that with a superior effort by their big men, who consistently worked to keep balls alive on offense and contest shots on the other end, getting the U.S. guards out for fast breaks.

The U.S. finished with a 50-22 advantage in points in the paint.

NBA unveils new rules to make baselines safer

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP BASKETBALL WRITER

The NBA is expanding the area that must be clear behind the basket and cutting the number of photographers along the baseline in an effort to improve player safety.

The new regulations, calling for an extra foot of open space on both sides of the basket stanchion were sent to teams Tuesday by league president of operations Rod Thorn and executive vice president of team marketing and business operations Amy Brooks in a memo that was obtained by The Associated Press.

Thorn says clearing the congestion behind the playing area was planned even before Indiana's Paul George broke his right leg when he crashed into the stanchion last month during a USA Basketball exhibition game.

"The conversations about this topic preceded Paul's injury by several years," Thorn

our league meetings in July we informed our teams this was the direction we were going. But of course when an injury occurs like the one to Paul, it reaffirms the changes we have made and the need to continue to evaluate our policies."

The "escape lanes," the unof the stanchion to the closest photographer spot, will increase from 3 to 4 feet.

Only 20 camera positions, 10 on each baseline, will remain, down from 24 last season and 40 during the 2010-11 regular season. Each baseline can have six photo spots on one side of the basket and four on the other, and dance teams or other entertainers cannot be stationed along the baseline.

"We have been studying this issue consistently over the last four years and these are just the latest adjustments to make the baselines an even safer area

said. "As a matter of fact, at for our players, our team attendants and the photographers," Thorn said. "Many of the incidents of contact between players and photographers are around the basket area, so we felt it made sense to increase the open area between the baskets and the first photographer to four feet."

Players have often been at occupied area on either side risk of crashing into a camera when tumbling out of bounds behind the basket. The NBA experimented with limiting photography spots during last season's playoffs before deciding to make those changes permanent and mandating the bigger escape lanes.

> 'We will continue to examine this to ensure the safety of our players while at the same time allowing for the networks and media to properly capture images from our games," Thorn said. "We feel we have balanced those needs very well but will continue to review our processes throughout the season."

CiCi Bellis, 15, youngest US Open winner since '96 | Mankins traded; Bradford, Raji on IR

NEW YORK (AP)—While 15-year-old American CiCi Bellis was in the process of stunning a Grand Slam finalist to become the youngest player to win a U.S. Open match since 1996, her father did his best to conceal his emotions courtside.

Like many a teen, CiCi has strict rules for Dad in public—even if his 1,208th-ranked daughter is pulling out a backand-forth 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 victory Tuesday over 12th-seeded Dominika Cibulkova in the first round at Flushing Meadows.

"I'm told I cannot sigh and I cannot move or say anything (because) that distracts her, so I just have to sit there like a Sphinx and just smile and pray," the elder Bellis, Gordon, explained with a deadpan delivery. "She hears me when I sigh. So I can't sigh."

Ah, yes, the joys of raising kids. And make no mistake. Bellis is a kid. She is home-



schooled and about to start 10th grade. Her first memory of the U.S. Open is watching on TV while Maria Sharapova played. She likes to hang out at the mall with friends back home in California. Asked whether she's a fan of pop star Justin Bieber, Bellis answered, "I used to like him when I was younger, a couple years ago."

Her victory was part of a 9-4 showing by American women Tuesday, including 8-0 against unseeded opponents. In an all-American match at night, another teen, Taylor Townsend, lost quickly to two-time defending champion Serena Williams 6-3, 6-1.

"We have such an amazing

future," Williams said about U.S. women's tennis. "We have so much to look forward to."

Her win came after Roger Federer beat Marinko Matosevic 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4) with Michael Jordan sitting in Federer's guest box in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"Growing up, he was my big sporting idol," Federer said. "Having him here is unbelievably special."

Aside from the Williams sisters. American tennis fans have not had much reason to cheer for their own in the latter stages of major tournaments in recent years. That's why the occasional run by a young U.S. player—think Melanie Oudin, wearing "Believe" on her sneakers in 2009-stirs interest at Flushing Meadows.

"Believing was the No. 1 thing that I had to do today," said Bellis, whose nickname CiCi is derived from the initials

of her first and middle names, Catherine Cartan.

Bellis plans on playing in the U.S. Open junior tournament. She lost in the third round of that event last year; she lost in the first round of the Wimbledon juniors last month.

But on Tuesday, there she was in front of a supportive, overflowing crowd on Court 6 at Flushing Meadows, taking it to Cibulkova, the Australian Open runner-up.

"I went into the match thinking it was going to be such a great experience," said Bellis, whose rapid-fire sentences tend to finish with a gurgle of laughter, "but I never thought I would come out on top winning."

Neither did her parents. Her mother, Lori, wasn't there because she gets too nervous watching in person, Gordon Bellis said. So Lori stayed at their hotel, getting updates via text from Gordon.

"She asked how bad it was going in the first set. And so I told her (CiCi) actually won the first set. She couldn't believe that," Gordon said. "We were just thankful that she didn't get double-bageled."

After trailing 3-1 in the third set—"kind of a bummer," Bellis would say later—she came back to even things, and then broke the 25-year-old Cibulkova in the final game. When it ended, Bellis crouched at the baseline and pumped her fists, then ran over to the stands for congratulatory hugs.

"I didn't expect her to play so aggressive today. I thought she's kind of a player who's just putting the ball back and running around," Cibulkova said. "That didn't happen today. She was really aggressive on the court and that maybe surprised me in the first set."

By BARRY WILNER



On the NFL's first preseason cutdown day, a trade and several key players going on

injured reserve overshadowed other moves.

In an unusual transaction for its timing, New England sent six-time Pro Bowl guard Logan Mankins to Tampa Bay on Tuesday for tight end Tim Wright and a draft choice.

The Patriots apparently are satisfied with a young group of blockers, and the Buccaneers were desperate to improve their offensive line.

"He has a history of a certain type of play in the league," new Bucs coach Lovie Smith said, adding that the 10th-year pro will bring leadership on and off the field. "We got better, kind of simple as that."

Bringing in a tight end could mean the Patriots are particularly concerned when Rob Gronkowski can return to the lineup. The injuryprone Gronkowski, coming off right knee surgery, only recently began to take part in contact drills.

While Gronkowski works to come back, gone for the sea-

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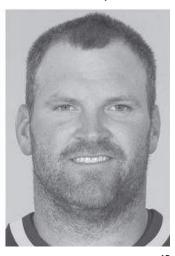
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Second Game



From left are 2014, file photos showing Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Tim Wright, and New England Patriots' Logan Mankins.

son are Rams quarterback Sam Bradford and Packers defensive tackle B.J. Raji.

Both went on injured reserve Tuesday, Bradford after tearing his left ACL for the second straight year, Raji with a torn biceps.

Also on injured reserve is Bills linebacker Kiko Alonso, who hurt his left knee before training camp began.

Other veterans placed on IR were Colts running back Vick Ballard, Seahawks linebacker Heath Farwell and Browns offensive lineman Michael Bowie.

Put on the physically unable to perform list were Colts fullback FB Stanley Havili and Raiders cornerback DJ Hayden.

Hayden, Oakland's top draft pick in 2013, has a stress fracture in his right foot. Players on PUP must miss at least six weeks of the regular season.

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Catherine Bellis, of the United States, reacts after a point against Dominika Cibulkova, of Slovakia, during the first round of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014, in New York. (AP Photo/ **Darron Cummings)**

mediately put some distance

against their opponents after 10

PIC never slowed down after

that and coupled with Mariana

minutes of play, 22-13.

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Islands Club had six players finishing in double figures in a 106-37 mangling of Mariana Resort and Spa.

PIC capitalized on Mariana Resort's sluggish start to im-

(745), Raphael Zapanta (740),

Tony Verdaguer (723), Tito

Corpuz (709), and many-time

perfect gamer Robert Talavera

(706) were the other bowlers

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man (607), Benjie Cruz (592),

Raymond Zapanta (570), and

Tony Yarobwemal (568) also

In the women's side, reigning

Oueen of the Lanes Yho Villav-

icencio won her first monthly

competed.

who finished in the Top 10.

Resort's spate of errors, enjoyed a 46-20 halftime advantage after holding its opponents to only 7

points in the second period. crown after besting eight other challengers.

Villavicencio went home \$80 richer after ruling the the August tilt. She tallied 693 pinfalls behind a four-game series of 182, 179, 175, and 157 for a 10pin victory over closest pursuer Lala Taitano (683-178, 137, 177, 191), who bagged the \$30 second prize.

Former Queen of the Lanes title-holder Diana Camacho ended up third with 674 (162, 135, 189, 188) to settle for the \$20 cash prize.

Janice Camacho (667), Elena Soll (645), Gloria Omechelang (637), Esther Choi (632), Cora Muna (604), and Carrie Camacho (599) also competed in the monthly roll-off.

From there, PIC just coasted to the easy victory dumping 60 points in the final half while limiting Mariana Resort to 17.

Fred Remillosa paced PIC with 20 markers, while getting ample support from Jack Aranda and Jun Del Rosario, who combined for 30 points.

Bryl Alegre and Bart Demapan finished with 13 points each, while James Abuy contributed 12 more.

Jaysan Gatdula was the lone

bright spot for Mariana Resort with 11 points as no other player finished in double figures.

Fiesta and Marianas Resort join Kanoa Resort at the loser's bracket in the double-elimination round playoffs.

First Game

Hyatt 83 - Hussain 22, Libow 19, Lim 13, Alipio 11, De Vero 8, Vargas 8, Ilemelong 2.

Fiesta Resort 59 – Esdrelon 22, Pagarao 18, Quizon 8, Galag 6, Ong 5.

CNMI

Players age 18 years old and under in the calendar year of 2014 are eligible to join. The deadline of the team nomination form is on Sept. 12, 2014.

The Oceania regional champion will compete against 11 other teams namely, Africa (one), Americas (five), Asia (three), and Europe (two).

Rogolifoi, the Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director, said that he plans to meet and train the team starting October.

"I already have some names Games on Saipan and 2011.

things up to finish with the repairs of the [Francisco M. Palacios] "Tan Ko field. We want to start early."

20, 72-29, 106-37.

chun.

NMSA personnel are almost done with the repairs at the Tan Ko baseball field with the bulk of the money spent coming from generous contributors.

On or before Monday, Sept. 1, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort personnel are scheduled to put the infield and outfield grass.

The Oleai baseball field was the site of the CNMI's historic win over Guam in the finals of the 8th Micronesian Games on

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in mind and they will be composed of players from the Big and Senior leagues. I want to form a strong team that will compete against the best in the region," said Rogolifoi, who guided the CNMI to gold medals in the 2006 Micronesian

"That's why we're speeding

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CNMI 'My Pal' Special Sports Fest

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A participant tries one of the obstacle courses.

Volunteer Andreau Galvez awards a medal to a participant.

Saipan Soccer School's Jersh Angeles, right, gives instructions to a participant, while a volunteer stays in play for assistance.

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Hyatt upsets top seed Fiesta

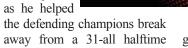


By JON PEREZ jonperez13@gmail.com REPORTER

eam captain Sajet Hussain scattered 22 points to power Hyatt Regency Saipan to an 83-59 upset win over top seed Fiesta Resort as the playoffs of the 2014 Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League continued Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Hussain pumped in 13 of his total offensive output in the third quarter

tally.



Hyatt outscored Fiesta Resort in the third, 24-15, to take a 55-46 spread entering the final canto and was never threatened after that.

They continued with their hot shooting in the fourth to finally silence their opponents and in the process boost their chances of clinching one of the four semifinals berths.

Gino Libow backed up Hus-

sain with 19 points, while Lauron Lim and Jun Alipio added 13 and 11 markers, respectively.

Hyatt needs to win one more game in order to strengthen its chances of joining World Resort and Shirley's to the winner's bracket.

Elmer Esdrelon collected 22 points, while Lerio Pagarao chipped in 18 for Fiesta Resort, which dropped to the loser's bracket and must not lose its next game in order to bolster its Final Four chances.

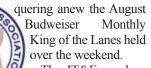
In the second game, Pacific

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Percy, Yho top August roll-off

By JON PEREZ REPORTER

Omechelang continues to burn the lanes of the Saipar Bowling Center after con-



The IT&E employee, who pocketed \$90 for winning, compiled a



quering anew the August four-game total of 850 pinfalls to take his third monthly plum. He previously won the June and July monthly roll-offs of the Saipan Bowling Associationorganized tournament.

> Omechelang opened up tied with Raul Dumapit with 216 but dropped from the top ranking after a 176. He went back into title contention with a 246 in the third game before closing out with a 212 for a 212.5 average.

Former Saipan youth bowler Raymond Angeles finished second with an 816—214, 169, 212, 221-for a 204 average and won \$40, while Dumapit placed third with a 216, 203, 224, and 162 for a 805 total and 201.25 average. He settled for the \$30 third place purse.

Rusty Musca (781), Ronald Batac (766), Jae Yong Kim

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Percy Omechalang, left, and Yho Villavicencio pose with their cash prizes after winning the August King and Queen of the Lanes Bowling Tournament last weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

CNMI to form team for 18-under baseball

By JON PEREZ

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Two-time gold medal-winning manager Tony Rogolifoi is hoping to form a strong youth baseball team that will be competing in the Baseball Confederation of Oceania Under-18 tournament in January



2015 in Guam.

The U18 tournament will be held at the Paseo Stadium in Agana after the BCO Executive Committee, following a

meeting early August, awarded the hosting rights to Guam.

The champion will represent the Oceania region in the 2015 International Baseball Federation 18U World Championships in Nishinomiya, Hyogo Prefecture in Japan.

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